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Serbs take 33 British troops hostage

UN may launch counter attack

FROM JOEL BRAND IN SARAJEVO AND JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE United Nations command in Bosnia was last night reported to be considering launching a counter-offensive after Bosnian Serbs seized at least 33 British soldiers from their observation posts in the eastern Bosnian enclave of Gorazde.

The British troops, from the Royal Welch Fusiliers and perhaps the SAS, were deployed at eight observation posts round Gorazde. Some managed to escape into the town.

In a telephone conversation with General Rupert Smith, the British commander of UN forces in Bosnia, the Serb army commander, General Ratko Mladic, threatened the lives of the British peacekeepers, saying that if four Serb fighters captured by French in Saturday's fierce combat in Sarajevo were not released by 6pm local time last night, the safety of the British captives "could not be guaranteed". The four had not been released when the deadline passed but there were no reports that the threat had been carried out.

UN sources said General Smith was "deeply angered" by the loss of the Gorazde observation posts and was considering military action to recapture them in the same way that French peacekeepers took back control of the Vrbanja bridge in Sarajevo at the weekend.

In a further escalation of the crisis a helicopter carrying the Bosnian Foreign Minister was shot down by a Croatian Serb rocket near the northwestern Bihac enclave yesterday. Irfan Ljubijankic, 42, was killed, with the six other people on board. He was returning from a visit to the besieged town of Bihac, when a helicopter fired a missile which downed the aircraft just after 2am. A nearby Croatian Army listening post, which overheard the attacking helicopter pilot talking to ground control, reported that the pilot clearly knew who was on board.

Serb gunners fired anti-aircraft cannon at Nato warplanes over Sarajevo yesterday. But Nato has carried out no raids since its strikes on Thursday and Friday because of fears for the UN hostages. The Serbs took Canadian as well as British hostages yesterday, bringing the total to well over 300.

In Paris Alain Juppé, the Prime Minister, said last week's air strikes had been ill-conceived and had exposed the peacekeepers to needless risks. "We must not carry out this type of operation again," M Juppé said. He said he was revolted by the "barbaric" use of human shields, and demanded the hostages' release.

The 33 British soldiers were kidnapped at gunpoint at about 2pm local time by Serb troops who crept up to their observation posts north and east of the Gorazde "safe area". About as many again managed to elude capture and make their way back to the main British base in the town on foot through the region's dense woods. The British UN commander in Gorazde began withdrawing troops from the most vulnerable observation posts after the incident.

Some 300 British troops are stationed in Gorazde alongside Ukrainian UN soldiers. Roughly 3,000 British troops are stationed in Bosnia. Thirteen have been killed and 45 injured since the war began.

The Serbs already hold more than 100 French troops. Britain and France, who have the two largest contingents in Bosnia, are considered to hold the most sway over the 23,000-strong operation. Generals from the two countries hold the three most important posts in the UN force in the region.

The UN reacted strongly to the worsening plight of peacekeepers in Serb-held Bosnia. Alexander Ivanko, a UN spokesman, said yesterday: "The Bosnian Serb army continues to behave like a terrorist organisation, chaining unarmed peacekeepers to potential military targets as human shields, threatening UN positions with force, holding guns to UN officers' heads threatening to kill them, and wearing UN insignia and uniforms." He suggested that such acts would be raised for consideration by the UN War Crimes Tribunal in The Hague.

Yesterday morning, the Serbs shelled the northeastern town of Tuzla, killing one man. One of the shells fell in the square where 71 people were killed last Thursday night.

In addition to the hostages, the Serbs also have the weapons, flak jackets and helmets of more than 200 peacekeepers. More worrying to UN commanders, however, are the six French light tanks and 11 Ukrainian and French armoured personnel carriers the Serbs have taken.

In Ilidza, a Serb-held suburb in the west of Sarajevo, 14 French soldiers were still resisting demands to give in or be killed. They are menaced by more than 100 Serb troops and three T-55 tanks. Nearby, in the Bare heavy weapons collection point, 23 French troops face a similar ultimatum.

The Serbs, with 500 tanks and 800 artillery pieces, have superior manpower, firepower and terrain compared to the UN troops. Although there is no intention of pitting Unprofor against the Serbs, the balance of forces, as they presently stand, make it impossible for Western governments to switch roles overnight from peacekeeping to intervention.



IGOR DUTINA

French soldiers are held under armed guard after being captured when Bosnian Serbs masquerading as UN troops seized their post on the Vrbanja bridge in Sarajevo



Smith: deeply angered

'The capture of British hostages has confirmed the worst scenario of the most pessimistic ministers in Whitehall'

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Ministers reject immediate pullout

BY PHILIP WEBSTER POLITICAL EDITOR

THE Government last night ruled out an early withdrawal of forces from Bosnia after the seizure of more than 30 British soldiers by Serbs in Gorazde plunged Britain more deeply into the conflict in the former Yugoslavia.

John Major and Jacques Chirac, the French President, agreed during a 30-minute conversation that pulling out their 7,000 troops immediately might provoke violence on an unprecedented scale and the genocide of the Muslim population. The Prime Minister backed M Chirac's demands for greater protection for the United Nations forces, including the right to fight back against Serb forces attempting to capture weapons dumps.

Last night Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, flew to Brussels for talks with Hervé de Charette, the new French Foreign Minister. This evening the two will join the other Foreign Ministers of the five-nation Contact Group at an emergency meeting in The Hague. Tomorrow morning Mr Hurd will again hold talks on Bosnia at a full ministerial meeting of Nato in The Netherlands.

Britain and France, the two largest troop suppliers to Bosnia, who have maintained close liaison throughout the conflict, are determined to maintain the pressure on the Bosnian Serbs to agree a diplomatic solution, despite the military escalation.

Last night Alain Juppé, the French Prime Minister, said on television: "My conviction is that we are only a few centimetres from a peace

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'Bring our lads home — there's no peace to keep'

BY LIN JENKINS

THE subdued air at the Hightown barracks, the regimental headquarters of the Royal Welch Fusiliers, spread through the rest of Wrexham yesterday as news of the hostage-taking spread through the town.

The oldest regiment in Wales — motto *Ich Dien* or "I Serve" — has close links with the local community, not least because more than 90 per cent of them claim Welsh as their first language. Bob Squires, a councillor in Wrexham, whose 19 year-old grandson Kevin Jones is serving with the 1st Battalion in Bosnia, said that many locals had wanted Britain to pull their troops out since the 325 soldiers left two months ago. "Many of the lads in the battalion are local lads from here and we think they have got to be brought home."

Last night Elfyn Llwyd, Plaid Cymru MP for Meirionnydd Nant Conwy, called for the UN to pull out of Bosnia: "With heavy heart I have to say that as both sides want to keep on fighting, there is no peace to keep. I'm desperately worried about our troops ... they're sitting targets."

John Turner, Army press officer for north Wales, said: "We are keeping the families up to date with information. We are giving them as much support as we can."

Three companies of the regiment are stationed in the Muslim enclave of Gorazde and Bugojno as part of the UN effort. The men have been involved in the thick of the action as ceasefires broke down and fighting escalated. In March, 12 soldiers fired 700 rounds as they broke out from under the guns of Bosnian Serbs. In April three soldiers were injured when their patrol strayed into a minefield while on foot patrol.

The first British soldier to die in the Balkans was Lance Cpl Wayne Edwards from Wrexham. Clwydd, who was on detachment to the Cheshires in 1991.

The Royal Welch Fusiliers was raised in Ludlow in 1689 as Colonel Herbert's Regiment, and was first engaged in the Battle of the Boyne the following year and has been involved in nearly every British Army campaign since, including Waterloo. The Queen is Colonel in Chief.



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England win one-day series

England took the Texaco Trophy 2-1 after beating West Indies by 73 runs at Lord's. Mike Atherton, the captain, scored 127 — his first century in one-day internationals — as England set the tourists a target of 276. The West Indies were bowled out for 203, with Angus Fraser taking three wickets ..... Page 21

Bookmaker takes a bet on the loony poll chances of Screaming Lord Sutch

BY ROBIN YOUNG

BOOKMAKERS, who like to get a bit of fun out of politics, yesterday threw a lifeline to the Monster Raving Loony Party. However, the financial subvention offered by William Hill may not be enough to save the career of Britain's longest serving party leader.

Screaming Lord Sutch (born David, but the Lord was added by deed poll) is threatened with bankruptcy over a £194,000 debt to Barclays Bank.

Lord Sutch, 54, said yesterday that his debt arose from a £120,000 bridging loan which he took out three years ago to purchase a five-bedroomed house complete with recording studio in Hastings, East Sussex. He calls the house "my Chequers". Caught by the collapse in the property market, he has since been unable to sell either it or his other home in Wembley, north London.

If he is made bankrupted as a result of Barclays' civil writ, which he is contesting, Lord Sutch, who has fought 41 parliamentary elections without once saving a deposit, will be banned from offering himself to the electors again.

He first ran as candidate of the National Teenage Party in the "Profumo by-election" at Stratford-upon-Avon in 1963, and achieved his best result last year at Rotherham, when he took 4.8 per cent of the poll with 1,114 votes.

He quickly followed that success with his worst campaign, when he missed the West Dudley by-election because he lost his deposit before even filing his nomination, mistakenly throwing the £500 into a dustbin. William Hill yesterday undertook to fund the political expenses of the Monster Raving Loony Party "up to and including the next general election". A spokesman said the contribution would be an "undisclosed four-figure sum," but stressed the company would not be underwriting the leader's personal debt.

Lord Sutch welcomed the offer but said that if he was banned from standing for parliament it would effectively end the Monster Raving Loonies' 22-year presence on the political scene. "No-one else would be able to afford the time to go around the country as I do campaigning in by-elections for three weeks at a time," he said.

A William Hill spokesman said the company had offered support to the Loonies because of a "long-term relationship" with Lord Sutch, who regularly places bets on the number of votes he will receive in elections.



Lord Sutch: house debt threatens bankruptcy

Russia quake 'kills 3,000'

Russia yesterday mounted an emergency operation in a remote island in the Far East after a powerful earthquake devastated a town, leaving 3,000 people feared dead and an environmental catastrophe in the making.

Reports from Sakhalin said 80 per cent of the buildings in the oil-producing town of Neftegorsk had been destroyed. Oil was pouring from ruptured tanks ..... Page 8

Cannes awards for Britons

The Golden Palm at the Cannes Film Festival was awarded to *Underground* a film by a Bosnian director, Emir Kusturica, on the break-up of Yugoslavia. The best actor award went to Jonathan Pryce for his role in the British film, *Carrington*. Helen Mirren won best actress for *The Madness of King George*.

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Tory leaders play down Thatcher's praise for Blair

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

CONSERVATIVE chiefs yesterday attempted to play down embarrassment over Baroness Thatcher's tribute to Tony Blair as the best Labour leader for 30 years.

They seized on her remark that she saw "a lot of socialism" behind the Labour front bench, "but not Mr Blair" as an endorsement of the Tory campaigning technique of presenting him as being different from his party.

Ministers are planning to seize on the Labour dispute over the imposition of women-only shortlists for parliamentary candidacies, the battle for the leadership of the transport workers' union and the threat of another rail strike as proof that "Old Labour" is alive and well in spite of Mr Blair's modernising efforts. "In that sense what Lady Thatcher is saying is in tune with one of our main themes at present," a senior Tory source said.

Even so, the former Prime Minister's description of Mr Blair as "probably the most formidable Labour leader since Hugh Gaitskell" was a gift to Labour and a blow to Mr Major, who has tried to attack him as an insubstantial, "soundbite" politician. Ministers are preparing for more discomfort in a series of interviews given by the former Prime Minister to publicise the second volume of her autobiography, *The Path to Power*.

Her decision to express her belief, in an interview with *The Sunday Times*, which also published extracts from her book, that Mr Blair is a better leader than his predecessors irritated some Tory politicians. One former confidant of Lady Thatcher said: "She would deny it of course but her criticism of Major last week and support for Blair this week gives me the impression that she has now come to the conclusion that Major should go."

Mr Major himself rebuffed her criticism. In an interview with the *Sunday Express* he selected policies on Europe, the economy and law and order, the issues picked on by Lady Thatcher, to defend his record.

Another former Prime Minister, Sir Edward Heath, also praised Mr Blair. He said: "Tony Blair shouldn't be underestimated. He has a new face, too, and the voters like that." Sir Edward compared him to Harold Wilson, who first took power after a long period of Tory rule.

In the latest extracts from her book Lady Thatcher said she had not been prepared for the speed with which her position over Europe would be "entirely reversed". She said the Government should declare now that it was against a single currency, and that there was a strong case for amending the 1972 European Communities Act to establish Westminster's supremacy.

Paddy Ashdown yesterday appeared to respond to criticism from inside his party of his abandonment of Liberal Democrat "equidistance" between the two main parties by insisting that Labour did not deserve power. He told Sky TV's *Sunday* programme: "Labour, in its present position, is not fit to be trusted with the government of this country. Labour is still tied to the trade unions. Labour can't even have a democracy in its party, let alone be trusted with democracy in the country."

Maurice Saatchi may win Tories' account

BY LINDSAY COOK, BUSINESS EDITOR


Maurice Saatchi

SAATCHI & SAATCHI, the advertising agency, is expecting to lose the Conservative Party account to the company set up by the agency's former chairman, Maurice Saatchi.

Jennifer Laing, chairman of the UK division of Saatchi & Saatchi, said last night that the Conservative account, which has been with the agency since 1978, was put in jeopardy by the personal association between Maurice Saatchi and Conservative Central Office. "There are great personal friendships there, and they may well choose to go there," she said on BBC2's *The Money Programme*. "There are some contractual difficulties which we need to sort out."

She expressed confidence that other clients would stay with the agency, which is widely credited with helping the Tories to win successive election victories. Saatchi has already lost the British Airways, Gallaher, Dixons and Mirror Group accounts to the new agency, called M & C Saatchi.

The agency has lost about 6 per cent of its world-wide revenues since the departure of Maurice Saatchi at the beginning of the year. Ms Laing said that Saatchi & Saatchi was aiming to cut costs. "We are looking at every single aspect of our business. You can always be more efficient. Advertising agencies can always be more efficient, and I suspect it's true of every business, and we are looking at all our costs to see if we can tighten up a bit."

Next month the company plans to issue a trading statement at the time of its annual meeting, which is expected to be "quite sombre".

Officials' pay sparks new union dispute

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A FRESH dispute broke out last night in the battle to control Britain's second biggest union as a leaked memorandum suggested a pay offer was being made to top officials worth up to 11 per cent.

Bill Morris, leader of the Transport and General Workers' Union, declined to comment on the figure. However, Jack Dromey, who is contesting the election for the union leadership, pledged that he would take no pay increase if elected.

The memorandum shows that the pay of a top-grade official in the union could rise from £28,000 to almost £31,000. Mr Morris declined to deny the figure, saying: "The officers negotiate every year with the executive members and the executive council, and we have to conclude an agreement before June 1. We are in negotiations: I am not prepared to say precisely what we will offer until such time as I report to my executive."

He insisted that the issue was not about what the officers were paid. "There's too many people worrying about what the officers are paid. I want more of our officers worrying about what our members are paid."

Mr Dromey, a close ally of Tony Blair and husband of Harriet Harman, the Shadow Employment Secretary, said: "Our officers and staff deserve the best but so too do our members. Personally, I will take no increase as general secretary and I will hand back Bill Morris's swish limousine and union credit card."

The election campaign also became embroiled in a series of accusations about rule breaches. Mr Morris said that he had submitted complaints to the union's administrative secretary about the conduct of Mr Dromey's campaign.

Mr Dromey has accused Mr Morris's supporters of using union resources to fund the Morris campaign. The Dromey camp claims union officials, who are supposed to remain neutral, were organising a £5,000 mailshot at the union's expense to distribute Mr Morris's campaign material to 20,000 members in the South West.

The union's 950,000 members must vote by June 16, with the result announced a week later.

Major in executive perks dilemma

John Major is facing a dilemma over boardroom pay amid signs that the Greenbury committee will recommend self-regulation rather than legislation to control abuses (Philip Webster writes). The pressure on the Prime Minister for tough action increased yesterday with disclosures that the head of the electricity industry's lobbying association secured a £500,000 bonus. It was also reported that Sir Bob Reid, former BR chairman, got a £75,000 bonus, equivalent to a 60 per cent salary rise, when rail staffs are considering industrial action over a 3 per cent offer.

Ulster shooting

Police came under fire early yesterday from a suspected loyalist gunman in Belfast. The incident is believed to be the first time police have been shot at since the start of the loyalist ceasefire last October. A single shot was fired at police called in to quell disturbances in the Shankill Road area of the city.

Reforms backed

Two influential Labour advisers today back the NHS internal market. Writing in the Fabian Society's *Review*, Professors Brian Abel-Smith and Howard Glennerster of the London School of Economics say Labour should resisit the "temptation" to promise to undo all Conservative health reforms.

Heart baby dies

A baby boy died last night after a heart transplant operation on Saturday at Harefield Hospital in West London. Miles Parker, aged 18 months, from Crewe, Cheshire, suffered a congenital condition and was brought 200 miles by RAF helicopter from hospital in Liverpool for the operation.

Healthy surplus

Dr Denys Wells, a fund-holding GP in Walsall whose surgery has made a £300,000 surplus, is giving £10,000 to fund cancer research. The money will go to researchers at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham, who want to test a drug called taxol, found in yew tree bark, as a treatment for cancer.

Times crossword

John Harding, 42, from Portishead, Bristol, has won the Bristol regional final of *The Times* Crossword Championship. Duncan Macarthur, 43, of Clifton, was second and Group Captain Peter Hutchings, of Wrington, Avon, third. All three go forward to the national final in London on October 1.

Lottery winners

The owners of three tickets have won £6,624,951 each in this week's National Lottery. Twenty-four tickets each win £133,430 for matching five balls plus the bonus ball. Almost 900 winners will get £2,271 for matching five balls, and more than 66,000 will get £66 for matching four.

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Major rejects pullout from Bosnia

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agreement between Serbia-Montenegro and the Contact Group. This crisis must become the triggering factor." He was referring to a top-priority French goal of convincing Bosnia and Serbia to recognise each other.

With Western leaders striving to avoid a humiliating UN retreat from Bosnia, the position was endorsed by an emergency meeting of Cabinet ministers and defence chiefs at Downing Street last night which took place after news emerged that the 30 Britons had been taken hostage.

Mr Major had earlier made plain that his "principal worry" was the position of the 325 British troops of the 1st Battalion of the Royal Welch Fusiliers pinned down in Gorazde, 30 miles southeast of Sarajevo. He interrupted his Whitsun break to return to Downing Street and went to the emergency operations room in the Cabinet Office to be briefed by Field Marshal General Sir Peter Inge, Chief of the Defence Staff.

From the Cabinet Office he telephoned M Chirac, who is handling his first big foreign policy crisis. M Chirac is understood to have agreed with Mr Major that keeping forces in Bosnia would stave off the threat of civilian slaughter.

However, they agreed, as did President Clinton in a discussion with Mr Major on Saturday night, that the UN forces must be better protected and their mandate strengthened. The rules of engagement could be reinforced by giving the right to shoot first when they feel they are under threat.

Mr Major made plain in an interview yesterday that he thought it would be wrong to order an immediate withdrawal. He told *The Mail on Sunday*: "I do not want them to leave. I am absolutely certain they are doing a worthwhile job. They have saved an awful lot of lives and their presence has held back the


Chirac: first big crisis

amount of fighting there has been. Quite simply, if they had not been there, many people who are alive today would have been dead."

Mr Major admitted that at some time it could become impossible for British troops to stay, but he said that was not the present position.

Last night's meeting was attended by Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary; Malcolm Rifkind, the Defence Secretary; Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade; Jonathan Aitken, the Treasury Chief Secretary; Sir Derek Spencer, the Solicitor-General; and Sir Peter Inge.

It took place against a background of growing alarm among Conservative MPs about the escalation of tension, with many now favouring withdrawal. David Howell, chairman of the Commons Foreign Affairs Committee, said that British troops should be "wound down to a minimum".

Sir Nicholas Bonsor, Tory chairman of the Commons Defence Select Committee, said: "We must prepare if necessary to withdraw entirely from Bosnia if we fail to re-establish the peace process, which at the moment, I'm afraid, is looking extremely tenuous."

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Scilly Isles burial for Lord Wilson

BY EMMA WILKINS

LORD Wilson will be buried on June 6 on the Isles of Scilly in the graveyard of a Norman church where he was a regular worshipper. The former Prime Minister, who died last week, found sanctuary on the islands with his wife Mary during holidays throughout his leaderships.

The couple bought a house on St Mary's and attended services at the 900-year-old church of St Mary the Virgin for as long as Lord Wilson's deteriorating health would allow. The church can seat only 64 people and with a strong turnout expected from islanders as well as leading politicians from all parties, the service will take place in a larger Victorian church half a mile away.

The Rev Michael Phillips, rector and chaplain of the Isles of Scilly, who will officiate said: "You couldn't find a more picturesque place than where the grave will be. Many island people will want to be there. The Wilson's have had a house here for 40 years before, during and after his years of fame. Whenever the House wasn't sitting they would be here. People got used to seeing the family. Lord Wilson was a committed Christian and attended the church as long as he was able — right up to last summer, I think it was."

The eulogy will be read by Lord Tonypandy, former Speaker of the House of Commons and the address will be given by the Rev Brian Mavers, the islands' Methodist minister. After the service, the congregation will walk from the larger church, past the Wilson's bungalow to the graveyard.

Family friends said yesterday that Lord Wilson enjoyed a modest lifestyle and cared little for the material trappings of power. Although the cost of nursing had taken its toll on the family's finances, the Wilsons had not been left in reduced circumstances, according to Lord Cledwyn, leader of the Opposition in the House of Lords from 1982-92 and a former Secretary of State for Wales.

"He couldn't be said to be in reduced circumstances because he always lived modestly. They were Christian people and knew how to live a simple life," he added.

Lord Wilson received an index-linked pension of £28,700 as a former prime minister. The costs of his nursing care were partly met by the council in Westminster, where the Wilsons have a flat. Philip Ziegler, Lord Wilson's authorised biographer, said: "The illness was very costly and by the time he died, he was pretty badly off but it's fair to say that he never was or wanted to be a rich man. That's why he was so incorruptible."

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Weekend marred by accidents

One man dead, one missing as boat capsizes

BY LIN JENKINS AND ROBIN YOUNG

ONE man died and another was feared drowned last night after their speedboat capsized in high winds and ferocious seas off the south Devon coast.

In other accidents that marred the Bank Holiday weekend a toddler drowned in a Sussex river, a man fell to his death from a cliff and a holidaymaker burnt to death in her caravan in Yorkshire. The two men in the speedboat, believed to have been on their way to a powerboat race, were thrown from the 12ft vessel by a large wave near the mouth of the Avon. They were named last night as Frederick Sims, 48, whose body was recovered, and his son Mark, 24.

John Tucker, an auxiliary coastguard, and his wife Jane witnessed the accident from the shore and saw the men launch a flare. "The boat turned to come back into the mouth of the river and a large wave swamped it. The seas were mountainous," Mr Tucker said.

Mrs Tucker, who could see the men in the water through binoculars, said: "A wave swamped the boat and the engine possibly failed. It capsized very quickly. The tide was going out and it was very choppy. The men were on either side of the speedboat, only just offshore. One was holding something like a fishing box but they were not clinging to the boat. They were just bobbing in the sea."

Teams of police officers joined coastguard and RAF rescue crews to search for the men but conditions at sea were so rough, with winds up to force 8, that two coastguards were also thrown into the sea when their twin-engine rescue craft overturned in the swell within sight of the victims. The coastguards, Robert Whitting and Ian Pedrick, were uninjured and were later able to rejoin the search.

The dead man comes from Kingsbridge, Devon. His body was recovered from the sea by a rescue helicopter from RAF Chivenor. His son has not yet been found. The powerboat race at Torbay, which the two men were thought to be heading for, was cut short because of the rough conditions.

In the Western Isles a man fell 60ft to his death through a cliff hole yesterday in front of his wife and three children. The man, believed to be a 40-year-old tourist, was trying to retrieve one of his children's shoes near cliffs on North Uist when he slipped and fell through the hole in the cliff edge. A coastguard helicopter was scrambled to the scene near Griminish Point, but the man was found to be dead. Police at Stornoway said he would not be identified until relatives had been informed.

At Coombe Haven Marshes near Hastings, East Sussex, a woman was walking along a river bank with four children, three of which were her own, when her two-year-old daughter slipped into the water and drowned. The child's body was recovered from the river and taken to the Conquest Hospital, Hastings, where she was certified dead.

In Ripon, North Yorkshire, a holidaymaker died when fire raged through a holiday caravan. Anne Mason, 47, of Golders Green, north west London, had travelled to a camp site near Fountains Abbey to take part in an English Civil War mock battle over the Bank Holiday weekend with her husband, David, 76, who was taken to Harrogate District hospital suffering from smoke inhalation. Mr Mason tried to drag his wife clear of the blaze. Police said the fire was being investigated but was not being treated as suspicious.

Off the Humberside coast at Flamborough 10 people were trapped by the tide and six were led through the sea to safety by coastguards. A further four were picked up by the Flamborough in-shore lifeboat. At Sandsend, North Yorkshire, the Whitby inshore lifeboat rescued two boys whose dinghy was being taken out to sea on the tide, towing them back to harbour. The lifeboat then had to escort a small powerboat in difficulties.

Heavy showers and cloudy conditions hit holiday takings on the Yorkshire coast though most resorts were crowded. At Scarborough, Filey and Whitby traders said takings were poor because of indifferent weather.

In Brighton wet weather kept the resort unusually quiet. Beach officer Mark Carr said: "It been absolutely dead for the time of year. There's hardly anyone about. It's like a ghost town."

The London Weather Centre said last night that today should be a day of sunshine and showers over most of the country, though the south coast might escape showers and have a sunny day with only an on-shore breeze cooling temperatures to 17C.

Inland in the south temperatures could reach 20C, but winds generally will be more than 10 to 15 miles an hour.

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Coastguards Robert Whitting, left, and Ian Pedrick. Their boat overturned within sight of the victims

MICHAEL POWELL



Oliver Parker: financing hinged on casting Kenneth Branagh as Iago

Debutant director to make 'erotic' Othello

BY DALYA ALBERGE

KENNETH BRANAGH is once again following in the *footsteps of Laurence* Olivier. Having directed and starred in his own version of *Henry V*, the young actor-director now heads the cast of a new film of *Othello*.

Some 30 years after Olivier took the title role, the new $10 million movie begins shooting next month in a privately owned 14th-century castle in Italy.

However, Branagh will be Iago rather than the Moor. That part will be played by Laurence Fishburne, who appeared as Tina Turner's husband in the film *What's Love Got To Do With It?* "It is a mistake to use a white actor to play that part nowadays," said the director *Oliver Parker, who makes* his feature-film debut with *Othello*.

Parker, 34, *brother of the actor Nathaniel, has worked* as an actor for 13 years, with parts including Iago at the Theatr Clwyd. As a director, he has made three short films. *He spent three years* trying to get *Othello* off the ground; it was not until Branagh joined the cast earlier this year that the industry began taking the project seriously. "He was instrumental in raising the money," Parker said.

The production casts both Iago and Othello as younger than usual. Parker said: "Othello would be 50, and Laurence is 33. Iago is often played older, like Ian McKellen played him recently. But the script says he's 28. We are keen to make it youthful and passionate. Passion is the driving force of the whole piece. I'd call it an erotic thriller."

Desdemona will be played by Irene Jacob, who played the model in *Three Colours: Red* by the Polish director Krzysztof Kieslowski.

Parker admits that has has taken "quite a lot of liberties", cutting the play in half and "moving a lot around". He said: "It will be two hours of steamy twists and turns.

"Where I feel verse is not necessarily contributing to the emotion of a scene, I make the dialogue more conversational. There's always a debate about how faithful you should be. This is bound to make some people unhappy."



Louise Crowe: stabbed

Man held over two knife attacks

BY ROBIN YOUNG

DETECTIVES were given permission yesterday to continue questioning a man about the murder of a New Zealand woman and an attack on a second woman. Louise Crowe, 23, who came to Britain from *New Zealand a year ago, was* stabbed repeatedly in an alley after leaving Turnpike Lane *Underground station to walk* to her home in Wood Green, north London, on Friday night.

She managed to reach a nearby house for help and *was taken by air ambulance* to the Royal London Hospital in east London, where she died three hours later.

A second woman was attacked outside the same Underground station on Saturday morning by a man with a knife. She escaped without injury and a man was subsequently overpowered by transport police.

Detective Chief Superintendent John Barker said: "In both cases the attacker was described as a tall black man." The man being questioned about the attacks is being held at Tottenham police station, north London. Magistrates have given permission for him to be held for another 36 hours.

Miss Crowe had moved into the house in Wood Green last week. Her boyfriend, whom she had known at school in New Zealand, was waiting for her there when the attack happened.

Wayne Elder, 21, a housemate, said that when they were told Miss Crowe had been stabbed, her boyfriend went and knelt beside her. He said that she was talking to the paramedics as she was taken on a stretcher to the air ambulance.

Miss Crowe's parents are understood to be flying to Britain.

Hunt for patients as routine check identifies dentist with hepatitis B

BY HELEN JOHNSTONE

HEALTH authorities are trying to contact up to 7,000 patients treated by a dentist who was found by routine screening to be carrying the potentially lethal hepatitis B virus.

The unnamed dentist, who last worked in Lanarkshire, stopped practising as soon as the results were confirmed. Health boards in the areas where he worked were contacted six days ago and held an emergency meeting to authorise the search for patients. The Glasgow-based national infectious diseases centre is co-ordinating the hunt.

At a hurriedly arranged press conference in Inverness yesterday health officials played down the risks involved. Dr Andrew Fraser, the Highland Health Board's director of public health, said the chances of patients contracting the virus as a result of being treated by the dentist were "very small".

He said that all patients were being contacted and offered counselling and blood tests if necessary. A special freephone helpline is also being set up.

John Robertson, chairman of the health board, said it was working closely with other practioners. He was unable to divulge the name of the dentist or the practice where he worked in the Highlands because of the stage of the investigations and the "sensitivities of the issue". The man worked as community-based dentist in the Highlands between 1986-88, his first post after graduating. He later worked in Lanarkshire, Falkirk and Glasgow.

The health authorities involved had not planned to discuss the issue publicly until later this week when letters confirming the scare are due to arrive at the homes of patients believed to be involved. However, Highland Health Board decided to release details after news of the scare was leaked.

The board hopes that by Thursday up to 2,000 patients will have received a letter. Dr Fraser said: "There can be no doubt that the news that a dentist who worked in the Highlands is now found to have hepatitis B is a cause for concern. I would like to emphasis, however, that the risk to patients who were treated by this dentist is very small indeed. "There are no reported instances worldwide of patients catching the hepatitis B virus from their dentist where adequate infection control procedures are in operation." He added: "We are working flat out to ensure that people who have come into contact with this dentist are offered the best of support."

Dr Fraser said that while the dentist had been identified as a carrier of the hepatitis B virus, he was not suffering from the disease. He added that the dental practice involved operated to a very high standard of infection control. A study showed there was no connection between hepatitis B cases already reported in the Highlands and the dentist. Routine tests were introduced in 1993 for all health workers.

Dr Fraser said the virus, while not related to HIV, was transmitted from person to person in much the same way, through sexual contact, intravenous drug use or contamination with blood or body fluids. The virus can cause severe liver problems and can remain in the system for years.

Father in maintenance dispute threatens to dump more lorries

BY LIN JENKINS

THE divorced father who *dumped four lorries outside* his former wife's home in a row over maintenance payments vowed yesterday to send her the remainder of his fleet. A spokesman for Kent police said yesterday they would take further action against him if they were not gone by today.

Mr Lambert, 36, dismissed his 15 staff at Gazewing Plant Ltd in Aylesford, Kent, last Wednesday after his ex-wife's solicitors demanded an increase in maintenance payments.

He told the drivers to take the trucks to the former marital home and leave them.

He claims that he is now jobless and will claim state benefits and qualify for legal aid in order to fight the demands of Caroline, whom he divorced three years ago. "I *just don't know why she can't* accept the generous offer I have made her. I said I would pay her a salary of £18,000 a year for ever, just for doing nothing. But she then said I should pay her £15,000 legal bill and I refused.

"I just want to make a living like everyone else. But she wants to see me destroyed. Well, now I am going to sign on the dole, get legal aid, and fight her all the way," he said. "She wants to bleed me dry, so I have sent her half my fleet of trucks. Now I want to give her the rest as well."

The couple, who were married for ten years, have two children, Chris, aged nine, and seven-year-old Kimberley. *Mr Lambert said he had* offered them the family £150,000 detached home in Leybourne. A spokesman for Kent police said that Mr Lambert had been asked to move the lorries. "I understand that there is a spare set of keys in the depot at Aylesford so there is no excuse for them not to be moved. The matter is now in his hands and if he does not then we will pursue the matter further."



Lambert: wants legal aid

Neighbours who spent the weekend looking at the abandoned trucks expressed little suprise. They recalled him parking the lorries there in the past and sitting in the driveway in his car smoking a cigarette when he was banned from doing so in the home.

Lorraine Munday said: "He made the estate like the soap *Brookside* and always gave us all something to talk about. Everyone around here knows him as 'nutty Nigel', and I was not in the least bit suprised when I saw his workers parking their lorries outside the house. All I thought was, here we go again."

Mrs Lambert and the two children were not at home over the weekend.



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American prosecutor expresses his envy of British media coverage of court cases

O.J. Simpson trial 'will vindicate jury system'

BY LUCY BERRINGTON



Simpson: murder charge

THE chief prosecutor in the O.J. Simpson murder case yesterday told a British audience to expect the former American footballer to begin a life sentence before the end of the year.

Gil Garcetti, the Los Angeles district attorney, said the trial would vindicate the much-maligned jury system and could be the last time that television cameras were allowed in court. However, if it produced a hung jury, the widely predicted outcome, the case would go to retrial "come what may", he promised.

Mr Garcetti, addressing the Oxford University-based L'Chaim Society at the St John's Wood Synagogue, north London, said: "I am confident the jury will reach a verdict. Maybe I'm wearing rose-coloured glasses but I believe something magic happens when juries begin to deliberate. They come together and want a level of unanimity." The Los Angeles prosecutors have a conviction rate of more than 90 per cent in cases heard by juries but after a series of highly publicised acquittals, the Simpson trial has been touted as a test case for the entire American criminal justice system.

Mr Garcetti led the prosecutions of Heidi Fleiss, the Hollywood madam who last wekk was released on bail pending an appeal against a three-year jail term for running a prostitution ring.

He said: "I think you'll be surprised at the determination and ability of the jury to rise to the occasion. They will meet the challenge. The jury have been very attentive to the DNA evidence. I think they know what it means."

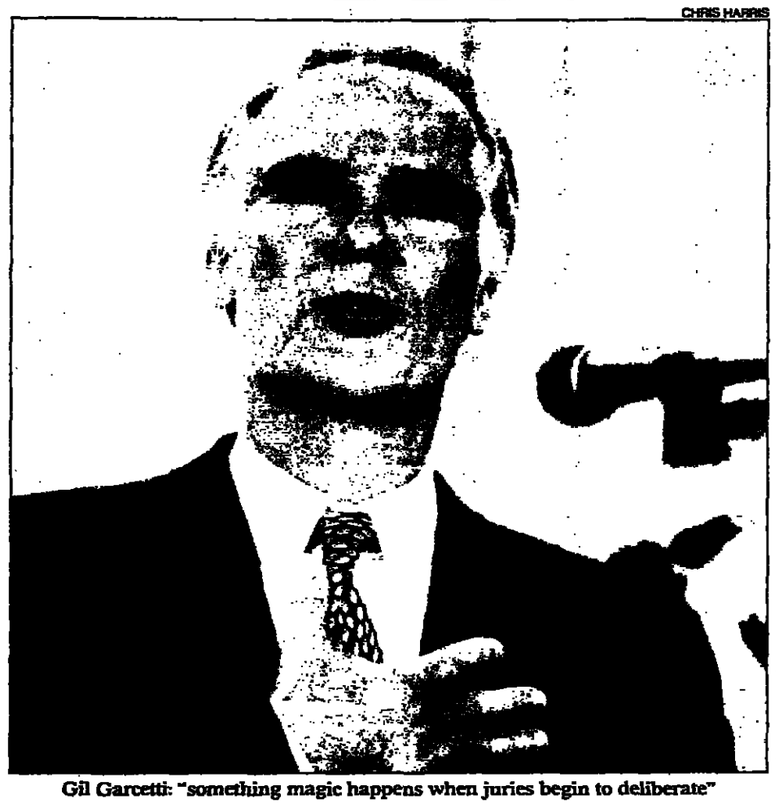
He said: "More and more it's discussed in my country: 'Have we outlived the jury system?' I'm hoping we have just come over the hill, so to speak. I think this case will end with justice done."

Nevertheless, the dismissal of an eighth juror on Friday has added to speculation that a mistrial might soon be declared. The Simpson trial started in January with a full complement of 12 jurors and 12 substitutes ready to hear the case against Simpson. There are now only 12 jurors and four alternates from an original pool of 24. Mr Garcetti took up the post of district attorney in December 1992 with a manifesto pressing for the restoration of faith in the criminal justice system.

O.J. Simpson is charged with murdering his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend Ronald Goldman. The prosecution expects to complete its evidence by the second week of July, and the case is likely to be concluded by autumn.

Mr Garcetti said that he shared the widespread concern that the Simpson trial had degenerated into a media circus with reporters sometimes paying more attention to the prosecutors' hairstyles and fashion sense than to the evidence. He envied the relative reserve of the British media coverage of court cases. "If we could start all over again, I would certainly opt for something much closer to your system than a system which permits, on a daily basis, lawyers walking out of court to their fancy cars met by members of the media with microphones. I find that almost obscene."

CHRIS HARRIS



Gil Garcetti: "something magic happens when juries begin to deliberate"

Brothers to lobby EC on gas safety

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT

TWO brothers whose parents died of carbon monoxide poisoning while on holiday in Tenerife will press the European Commission in Brussels this week for tighter controls on gas boilers and heating equipment throughout the community.

Ken and Eugene Tansey will make a personal appearance before the Committee on Petitions on Thursday. Eugene, 35, from Manchester said they would be calling for an independent inspectorate to look at all aspects of holiday safety, including hotel fire equipment and the use of gas water heaters. They would also urge the adoption of a fire safety directive backed by tough enforcement measures. These could include taking action against tour operators who send holidaymakers to hotels or apartments where problems are known to exist.

The brothers' parents, Vincent 68, and Patricia 70, died in their Tenerife apartment when gas built up from a faulty ventilation flue.

English judges 'are harshest in Europe'

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

JUDGES in England and Wales are the most severe in Europe, frequently imposing jail sentences in cases where continental judges consider custody inappropriate, a report says.

Even in cases where judges from all countries consider that a jail term is merited, English judges tend to impose sentences "often well in excess of what was considered severe in other countries", the report says. The findings of the International Comparisons in Criminal Justice project come days after the furore over the jailing of David and Patricia Whitehead for lying to the police in an attempt to escape a motoring charge.

In one case, English judges felt that a young woman with no previous convictions who was convicted of causing grievous bodily harm should be jailed. Other judges thought she was unlikely to commit a second offence and suggested suspended sentences.

English judges were at the top end of a scale of suggested sentences for a man convicted of rape, kidnapping and assault, and for an offender convicted of causing death by dangerous driving.

The report is likely to strengthen the case of penal reformers that the use of custodial sentences is excessive. However, despite the Whitehead case, judges in England and Wales are frequently under attack for handing down what are seen to be overly lenient sentences.

The report draws its findings from three seminars that took place between 1991 and last year and were attended by judges from Belgium, Canada, Denmark, England and Wales, France, Germany, The Netherlands, Hungary, Italy, Norway, Poland, Scotland, Spain and the United States.

Apart from the United States, judges from England and Wales imposed the harshest sentences and those from The Netherlands and Denmark the most lenient. The judges were given details of 18 real cases and asked to suggest the likely sentence.

The project found that English judges regarded certain cases as being more serious than did other judges. For instance, they viewed a rape by a man of his former girlfriend as seriously as any other rape, while other judges felt that the offence justified a more lenient sentence.

The report, published under the auspices of the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders, concludes: "The length of custodial sentences which English judges considered to be severe was often well in excess of what was considered severe in other countries." The exception was the United States, where judges were bound by statutory guidelines and minimum sentences that led to their suggesting jail terms "noticeably more severe than any of the other countries".

However, English judges tend to be consistent with one another, while other countries' judges showed greater variation. Another key finding was the concern among continental judges over the sentence discounts given by English judges in return for guilty pleas. This process has no part in inquisitorial systems, where judges "seemed disconcerted by the practice", the project found.

Imran hits out at marriage critics

BY EMMA WILKINS

IMRAN KHAN defended himself yesterday against charges of hyprocrisy over his marriage to Jemima Goldsmith. In an article published in a Pakistani Sunday newspaper, the former cricketer said his choice of an English wife was not at odds with his criticism of the West.

"I have never blamed the West for our present predicament," he wrote. "I blame us [Pakistanis] for having allowed ourselves to be used by Western countries."

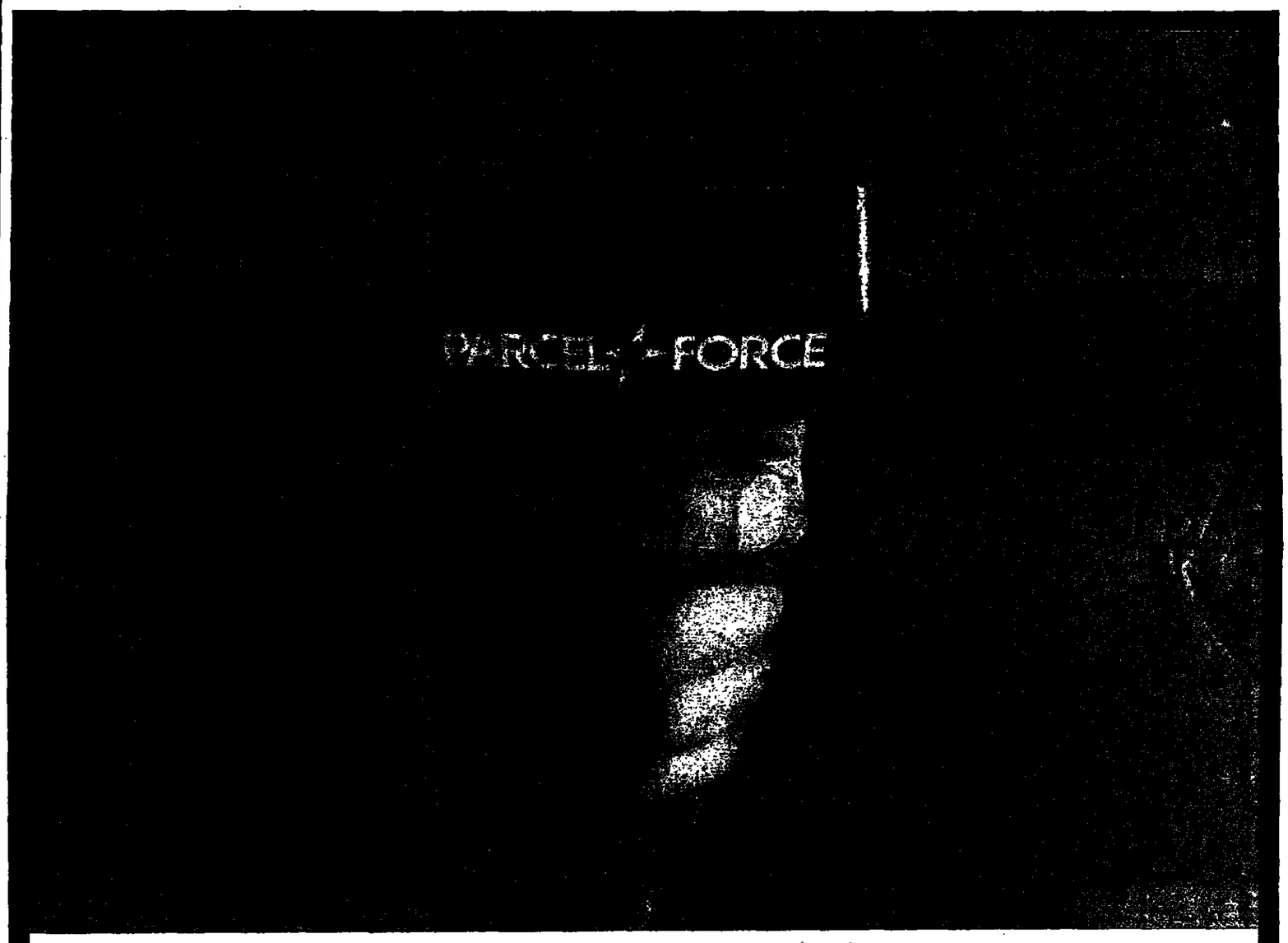
Khan, 42, who married the 21-year-old daughter of Sir James Goldsmith in Paris two weeks ago, said he stood by his criticism of the "Brown Sahib" elite who had been educated into imitating all aspects of Western culture.

"I have neither abandoned my culture nor have I decided to live in a Western country," the article said. "On the contrary, it is my wife who will be leaving her well-publicised comforts to live in Pakistan." The couple are to have a civil marriage in London on June 20.

The former Pakistan cricket captain said he had always wanted "ideally" to marry a Pakistani girl because life would be easier with someone from the same background. "However, life does not work as we expect it to," he wrote. "It just so happened that the girl who shares my ideas, vision and values happens to be an English girl, and if my father, sisters and I are happy to welcome her into our family, what right has anyone else to object?"

Khan said he had expected adverse reaction from the British press but was surprised by the reaction of the Pakistani media, which had treated his marriage as a scandal or even a Zionist plot on account of Sir James's Judaism.

Jemima Goldsmith, who has taken the Islamic name Haiqa and plans to live with her husband in Lahore, explained her conversion to the Muslim faith in the *Sunday Telegraph*. "I am all too aware of the enormous task of adapting to a new and radically different culture," she wrote. "But with the love of my husband and the support of his family I look forward to the challenge wholeheartedly."



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New guidelines to allow dumping of 53 North Sea rigs

BY NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

ENVIRONMENTALISTS are alarmed over a plan to wreck a quarter of the oil and gas rigs in the North Sea, rather than towing them away for dismantling.

The scheme, set out in government guidelines being circulated within the exploration industry, is intended to cut the costs of decommissioning the biggest rigs and platforms in the most northerly fields. It follows protests over Shell's plans to sink the Brent Spar platform.

New studies indicate that toxic muds, loaded with oil and heavy metals, could spread far further from obsolete installations than had been supposed.

About 400 rigs are nearing obsolescence. The guidelines require that smaller ones in shallow water be removed but give the go-ahead for 53 big ones in deep water to be wrecked where they are. There are also 4,000 miles of pipelines, the biggest of which will be left on the sea bed.

Fishermen will be concerned that old rigs, scores of which are likely to be "toppled" leaving piles of twisted metal below the surface, may increase the risk of nets being snagged.

Toppling involves cutting the platform halfway up and pushing the top over onto the seabed. Earlier this month, Greenpeace staged a three-week sit-in on the Brent Spar platform which Shell is planning to dump in deep waters of the Atlantic. The group claims that leaving rigs "in situ" or partly broken up is even more damaging.

Offshore operators claim that abandoning big rigs and platforms at sea is likely to be the most economical and environmentally favourable method of decommissioning, and that trying to tow them back to port for dismantling could endanger workers.

A spokesman for the UK Offshore Operators Association said yesterday: "Toxic materials will be removed from the rigs and a safety zone created around them of a kilometre in diameter with signal lights."

The first big rig to be decommissioned will be the North West Hutton, which is owned by Amoco. The company said yesterday that its research on the options showed that "toppling has the least impact". The North West Hutton, in common with many of the big rigs, has 25,000 cubic metres of drilling muds at its base.

Simon Reddy, of Greenpeace, said yesterday that the muds contained a mixture of heavy metals such as arsenic and chromium, oils and biocides designed to kill bacteria and marine organisms that can damage the drilling gear.

The Amoco spokesman said the muds were relatively benign. Taking the rig away could disturb them and spill poisons into the sea.

Mr Reddy said that toppling could disturb the muds. He also pointed to research by a British scientist at Oslo University which shows that even if the muds are untouched they are a risk to fish stocks.

It had been thought that pollution from a rig could be detected up to 1.5 km away. Dr John Gray's findings, to be published in the *Marine Ecology Progress Series*, has detected it four times further away. He has also found evidence that pollution expands for over a decade, and believes the pollution could be hitting stocks of North Sea cod. His findings are likely to be invoked by conservationists at the North Sea ministerial conference in Denmark on June 8.

Japanese to kill more whales

BY NICK NUTTALL

JAPAN is planning a sharp increase in the number of whales it kills, to the outrage of the British Government and conservationists.

At this week's meeting of the International Whaling Commission in Dublin, Tokyo will announce that it will increase from 330 to 540 the number of minke whales harpooned each year in the oceans off Antarctica and in the north Pacific.

Yesterday it emerged that Japanese businessmen have also been negotiating with Tonga to set up a commercial whaling operation off its coast. Lucy Farmer, of the World Wide Fund for Nature, explained that Tonga was not bound by the global whaling ban since it was not a member of the commission.

British officials said that Japan's moves to kill more whales, ostensibly to screen them for pollution and to assess the age of populations, could not be justified on grounds of science or welfare. London is leading efforts to close legal loopholes used by Japan to continue whaling. Conservationists said that the scientific argument was a cover for supplying the commercial whale markets in defiance of the global whaling ban.

Ivor Llewellyn, head of the British delegation and an official with the Ministry of Agriculture, said that they were calling for a ban on the electric lance, claimed by Japan to be a humane and effective method of killing. Mr Llewellyn said there was "pretty powerful evidence that the lance is extremely ineffective and cruel". It can take up to 23 minutes for the whale to die.

Mr Llewellyn said there was anger and irritation at the extent of "scientific" whaling. He said the research the Japanese wanted to carry out could be done by non-lethal methods and that Britain would call for an end to lethal scientific whaling. "Legally they are in the clear because scientific whaling is not bound by the convention ... but it was never intended for scientific whaling on this scale."

CHRIS HARRIS



Anthony Saxton, left, and Stephen Bampfylde at Westminster Abbey: they have donated their services free

Monks who mean business help Church to put its house in order

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

TWO part-time monks have been called in to help to take management in the Church of England into the 21st century.

Anthony Saxton and Stephen Bampfylde, of Saxton Bampfylde, one of Britain's top ten head-hunting firms, are seeking a replacement for Hector McLean, the Archbishops' appointments secretary who, with the Prime Minister's appointments secretary John Holroyd, leads the hunt for new bishops and archbishops.

Mr McLean is little known outside the Church but is one of the most respected and influential executives within it. The choice of his successor will help to determine the shape of the Church of England over the next century because at least a quarter of the 43 diocesan bishops are due to retire before the end of the century.

Both Mr Saxton and Mr Bampfylde are "oblates" or lay associates of Alton Abbey, Hampshire, a community of Benedictine monks that runs retreats and manufactures altar wafers, incense and icons. They are donating their services free to the Church to help to find a successor to Mr McLean and to introduce innovative management techniques to the Church, where clergy still receive little training after ordination. Saxton Bampfylde, based in central London, is one the few wholly British-owned executive recruitment agencies and is among the fastest growing. Its client list includes more than one in ten of Britain's largest 100 companies. It also acts for local and national government appointments.

Stephen Bampfylde, 43, is married with three children; Anthony Saxton, 60, is married with five children. The appointment comes at a time when the Church is facing radical organisational change at the hands of the Turnbull Commission, chaired by Michael Turnbull, Bishop of Durham. At the same time, membership and income is static or dwindling and competition from rival religious bodies increasing.

Mr McLean, secretary of the Crown Appointments Commission, the body that nominates two names to the Prime Minister for every vacant bishopric, is paid at the Civil Service assistant secretary's rate, which means he earns more than the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey. Mr McLean said: "We can learn a lot from the outside world. Good management is as much a gift of the Gospel as good worship and good education, and is not to be sneered at."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Bodies of climbers found in ice floe

The bodies of two climbers, encased in an ice floe, have been recoverd by rescue workers after they were spotted floating in a loch in the Cairngorms.

The bodies were confirmed to be those of Graeme Holland and Alan Mitchell, both 22 and from Keswick, Cumbria, who failed to return from a climbing trip to the 4,000ft plateau of Coire an Lochain on March 4. Melting snow is thought to have carried their bodies down the mountainside into the loch.

Firemen in crash

Anthony Burn, 47, and Gary Rowe, 37, were badly injured when their fire engine crashed and overturned in Titchfield, Hampshire, on its way to a fire at a mobile home. Three other crew were treated for minor injuries.

Man named

Police have released the name given by a man who abandoned a newborn baby in an Edinburgh hospital. Staff at the Eastern General say the man, who asked for the 7lb 10oz baby to be adopted, used the name Ian Young.

Journalists' sit-in

Journalists at the Irish Press in Dublin are staging a sit-in over the sacking of all 600 staff. Some 24 journalists vowed to remain in the building until the dispute, caused by the sacking of the business editor, is settled.

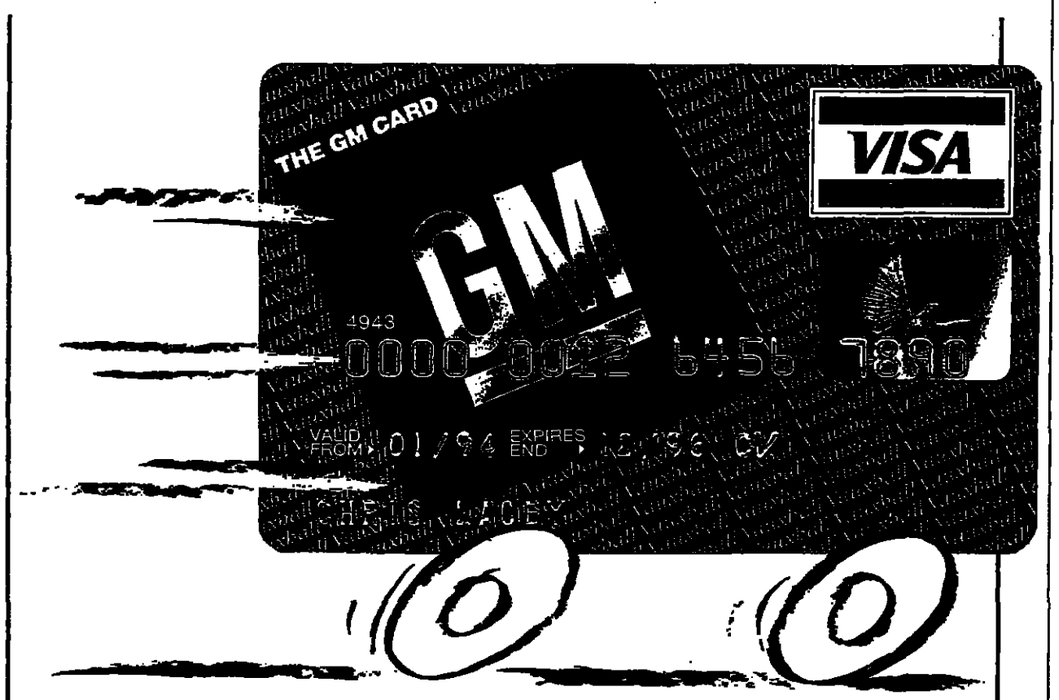
Theft charge

Dr Simon Heignes, a lecturer in music attached to Queen's College, Oxford, has been charged with theft after books went missing from a college library. They include a 1657 first edition of Isaac Newton's *Principia Mathematica*.

British triumph

Four British musicians have won the eighteenth international string quartet competition in the French town of Evian, beating 13 other groups from ten countries. The Emperor Quartet was awarded first prize of £16,000.





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Robert McKee, left, says it is never too late to start film-writing: Raymond Chandler was almost 50

Man who teaches Hollywood the value of economy

BY JOE JOSEPH

AS THE streets of Soho refill this week with those returning from the Cannes Film Festival, many would-be Woody Allens who have yet to interest a mogul in their new movie — or have yet to even write a movie — realise it is time to ditch their dog-eared draft, buy a new notepad and call in some professional advice.

The man they call is Robert McKee, an American who tours the world with his three-day seminar on movie-making. More than 20,000 have already been through the course, many of them twice.

"I get people with Oscars on my course," he says. "Most are showbusiness professionals. Not necessarily writers: some are producers, some are directors. John Cleese has taken it twice and he says he wants to take it for the third time."

A century ago writers wrote novels. Nowadays everyone wants to write a movie. "It's the hot form," Mr McKee says. "People think that because there are so few words, it's easy. But many are called and few are chosen.

"When people come to my course I don't try to delude them that anyone can write a screenplay. What is teachable is knowledge of the art form."

Mr McKee's course is called "story structure". "It's based on the principle that the reason for rejection of screenplays is not problems with dialogue but problems with story. A writer has to master the principles of story-telling." The trick is "excruciating economy: saying the absolute maximum with the minimum of words or incident".

His teaching tool is *Casablanca*. "For my purposes it is the most illustrious film script ever. It has five sub-plots as well as the main plot. It has drama, comedy, music, murder mystery, adventure, politics — everything I need.

"I dissect *Casablanca* scene by scene, line by line. At the end of it people are in tears — I've never seen a film that can stand that kind of autopsy and still have that punch."

But why are there still so many bad films made? "Quality story-telling, quality writing in film, or novels, or plays, is rare and it always has been. Tens of thousands of novels were written in the 19th century. How many do we now think are great? Maybe 50."

But it's never too late to start. "Raymond Chandler didn't start writing films till he was nearly 50. I think a good case could be made that writing before you're 30 is a waste of time. It takes you 10 years of adult life to have anything to say and 10 years struggling as a writer to learn how to say it. Of the 400-500 Hollywood films distributed every year, barely 20 are written by anyone under 30."

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Fashion classics found in children's dressing-up box



Pamela Plowden: "a taste for Oriental mystery"

By John Shaw

DESIGNER dresses worn by *Pamela Plowden*, the first woman Winston Churchill fell in love with, are to be sold to pay for repairs to her stately home in Hertfordshire. Pamela, later Countess of Lytton, was widely regarded as a striking beauty whose dress sense was at the cutting edge of Edwardian fashion. She died in 1971 aged 97.

A collection of her rich silks, satins and chiffons has *been found in the children's* dressing-up box at Knebworth House near Stevenage. About 35 lots of elegant clothes, now considered fashion classics, will be sold for between £400 and £6,000 each at Christie's, South Kensington, on June 27.

Lady Cobbold, who married Lady Lytton's grandson, said yesterday: "The clothes were in four or five trunks and were pulled out for dressing up and Christmas parties. An American visitor saw one of the trunks and *said:* 'My goodness, that's an original Fortuny dress'.

"She said it was very rare and shouldn't be among chil*dren's dressing-up clothes so* I rang Christie's. We are doing a lot of alterations at the moment so the money will be useful for repairs."

The 1912 Fortuny "Delphos" *black pleated silk dress with* glass beads has a £3,000-£5,000 estimate and is the top lot among period clothes from the 1890s to the 1930s.

They range from a black *Worth coat from the 1890s to* a pink velvet evening coat, also by Fortuny, from the 1920s and 1930s. One of the star items will be a silver lamé bonnet with black horsehair plumes covered with silver sequins and rhinestones and labelled Paul Poiret, 1914. It has a pre-sale estimate of £400-£600 but is likely to fetch much more.

Patricia Frost, a costume and fashion specialist at Christie's, said: "Pamela Lytton was a noted beauty who had exquisite taste, opting for bright colours rather than the pastels and browns and blacks of Edwardian fashion. These clothes are marvellous survivors from an age when society women changed three or four times a day. They give a snapshot of a great beauty with a taste for Oriental mystery."

Pamela Plowden's father was Viceroy of India and she was born and brought up there. Churchill was the first of many suitors. He was 21 and she 26 when they met in India in 1896. They were considered to be unofficially *engaged but three years later* she broke off the relationship and married Lord Lytton.

It was a leisured, extravagant age and she became a prodigy of the Duchess of Rutland and part of a circle of beautiful young women later known as "The Corrupt Coterie". They led a hectic social life but during the First World War, when that was swept away, Lady Lytton ran a field hospital in Charles Street, Mayfair, and later returned with her husband to India where he became acting Viceroy. His brother-in-law was Edwin Lutyens, architect of New Delhi.

MICHAEL POWELL



Freya Simms of Christie's with part of the collection. Her mantle and stole are estimated at £400-600 each

Budget cuts put 3,000 teaching posts at risk

By John O'Leary, Education Editor

MORE than 3,000 teachers will lose their jobs as a result of the budget cuts in state schools, a union survey discloses today. They will join 1,500 further education lecturers already facing dismissal.

School governors have raided maintenance budgets and cut clerical staff to keep classroom losses to a minimum. But the Association of Teachers and Lecturers, which conducted the survey, fears that the redundancies represent the tip of an iceberg, as thousands more teachers opt for early retirement.

Returns from more than 8,000 schools beat out ministers' claims that many governing bodies are able to meet the teachers' 2.7 per cent pay award without shedding staff. Only one school in ten has issued redundancy notices to *come into effect for the new* school year, in September.

An independent survey last month suggested that up to *12,000 teaching jobs would be* lost following the Government's refusal to fund the pay award. Heavy hints from *Gillian Shephard, the Educa*tion Secretary, that the current tough settlement would not be repeated, may have encouraged governors to risk a deficit.

But the scale of the job losses is certain to increase as the numbers taking early retirement emerge. Ill-health or early retirements among teachers are already costing more than £200 million a year, and the figure is expected to rise this year.

Peter Smith, the association's general secretary, said the survey confirmed fears that class sizes would rise and that schools would lose many of their best teachers.

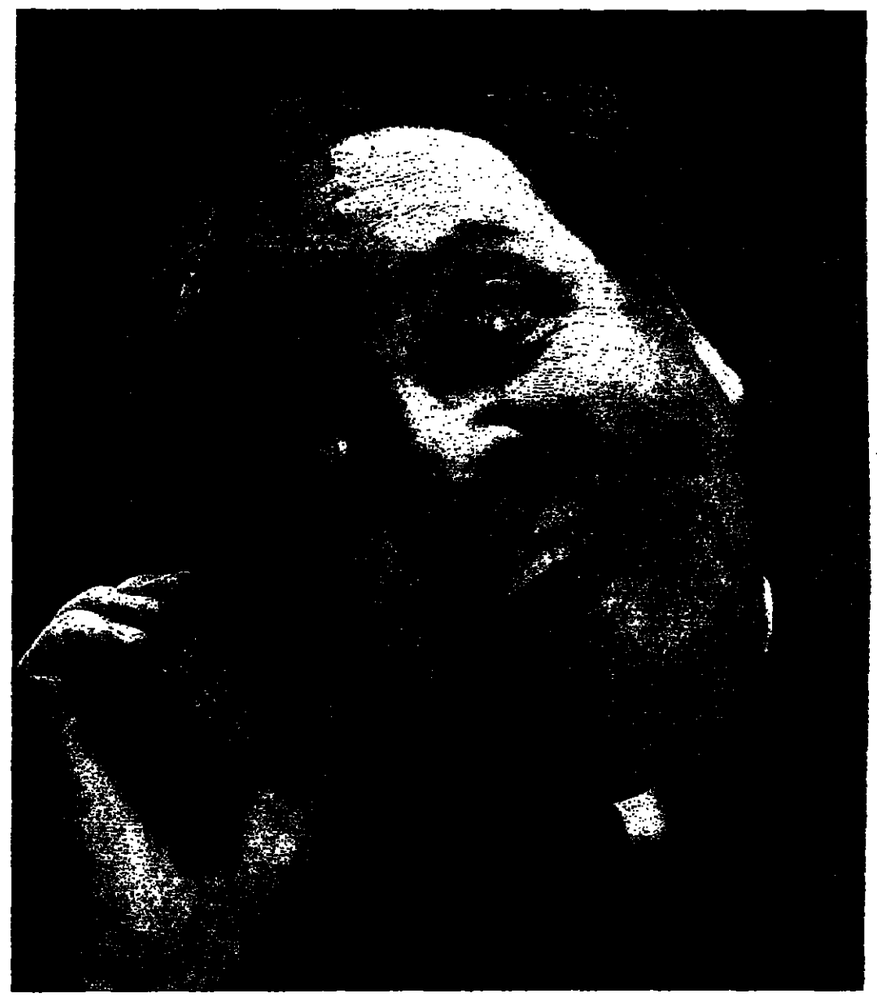
"Year after year, shortfalls in cash have led schools to cut the number of experienced, and therefore expensive, staff," he said. "Schools are facing the future with one, or even both, hands tied behind their backs as they work hard to meet the challenge of further raising educational standards."

The association is so worried about the strain being placed on teachers that it is launching a professional counselling helpline later this week. The service will operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Several regions responding to the survey expressed concern about the size of classes in *the new school year. One* branch in the south of England expected up to 300 teaching posts to disappear *even though there were to be no* compulsory redundancies.

The squeeze on teaching posts is being repeated in further education colleges. The annual conference of the National Association of Teachers in Further and Higher Education, which finishes today in Torquay, was told that 1,500 full-time lecturers and almost 8,000 part-timers faced redundancy.





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Timely lessons for diabetics



THE mother and her unborn child saved by her four-year-old son who found her unconscious in an hypoglycaemic coma is an insulin-dependent diabetic who needs regular injections to maintain the correct blood sugar level.

On a previous occasion in the past week, Barbara Welsh, from Great Cornard, Suffolk, had needed first aid to restore her levels. Following this near disaster her son, Ben, had been taught what to *do if he found his mother* either unconscious or behaving oddly. Within 24 hours he was able to put this lesson into practice.

Mrs Welsh must have been unconscious for some time when Ben found her. He tried, as instructed, putting a spoonful of a glucose-rich jelly into her mouth. Mrs Welsh was too deeply unconscious to swallow it, or even the sugary solution which he tried next, so he carried out his final instruction and telephoned 999.

Ben's mother was in a hypoglycaemic coma, not a diabetic coma, caused by too *much* rather than too little insulin. The number of hypoglycaemic comas suffered by patients is causing alarm to the British Diabetics Association and doctors who specialise in the disease.

***General Practitioner* magazine has recently reported that patients are to be taught that the lowest level of blood sugar considered safe is to be raised from 2.8 mmol/l to 4 mmol/l. Patients with a tendency to suffer hypoglaecemic attacks will be en*couraged in future* to contact their doctors if the level dips below 4.**

The treatment of hypoglycaemia is with sweet drinks or with sugar followed by a balanced meal. Families of patients whose diabetic control is unstable are sometimes issued with glucogen injections. When given to a patient whose coma has not been too prolonged the liver is encouraged to release enough sugar into the bloodstream to enable them to be roused sufficiently to swallow some sugar. *Intravenous* glucose is the emergency treatment provided by medical staff. It produces a miraculous recovery, *as in the case* of Mrs Welsh, who is now home and in good health.

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

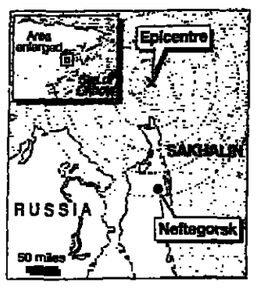
Thousands feared dead in quake on Russian island

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

RUSSIA yesterday mounted an emergency operation in a remote island in the Far East, after a powerful earthquake devastated a small town killing possibly thousands of people.

Reports from the Pacific island of Sakhalin said that 80 per cent of the buildings in the northern oil-producing town of Neftegorsk had been destroyed by a tremor measuring 7.5 on the Richter scale.

Initially, the Ministry of Emergency Situations reported that 39 bodies, including six children, had been pulled from the rubble of their homes after the earthquake struck on Saturday night. However, Tass, quoting civil defence workers from Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk, the regional capital, said that 19 five-storey blocks of flats had been flattened and it was feared that the death toll could rise to 3,000. Officials have confirmed only 70 deaths and about 200 injuries. "Judging by the nature of the destruction and the potential number of victims, this is the worst earthquake ever in Russia," said Oleg Soskovets, the First Deputy Prime Minister, who is in charge of co-ordinating rescue efforts. "It is a calamity."



Regional authorities said that it was difficult to estimate accurately the number of victims in the town of 3,200, south of the quake's epicentre. About 500 people are believed to have escaped from their homes and were reportedly wandering around in a state of shock. The remainder have been listed as missing.

Sakhalin island, north of Japan's Hokkaido island, is eight time zones and 4,500 miles east of Moscow. The greatest problem facing rescue workers was getting to the scene of the disaster. Paramedics and rescuers from across Siberia were dispatched, but it is likely to take days for sufficient numbers of people and equipment to reach the site.

Communications with Neftegorsk were cut. The nearest airstrip is hours away by road and much of the assistance is being sent via Vladivostok, about 1,000 miles to the south. The 200 rescuers who had managed to reach the town over the weekend complained that freezing temperatures, thick fog and powerful aftershocks were hampering their efforts.



Demonstrators march on Peking's de facto embassy in Hong Kong yesterday prior to the sixth anniversary of the crushing of the pro-democracy movement in Tiananmen Square

China cancels US talks over visit by Taiwan leader

BY TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

IN ITS sharpest retaliation against American policy towards Taiwan, China suspended talks with the United States yesterday and postponed visits by senior US officials.

The Foreign Ministry in Peking, reacting to Washington's decision last week to allow a private visit to New York state's Cornell University by President Lee Teng-hui of Taiwan, shelved Sino-American talks on the global Missile Technology Control Regime and on nuclear energy co-operation.

Planned visits to China by John Holum, director of the US Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, next month and by a State Department official in July would also be suspended.

Sixteen years ago, the United States withdrew diplomatic recognition from Taiwan in deference to China, which considers the island an illegitimate, breakaway republic. Only a week after President Clinton had said he would continue the policy by refusing a visa for Mr Lee, he changed his mind. Bowing to fierce Republican pressure in Congress, which voted strongly in favour of allowing the Taiwanese leader to visit the university where he gained a doctorate in 1968, Mr Clinton then said Mr Lee could take part in the campus reunion next month.

Peking said the decision was a serious infringement of sovereignty and a breach of its "one China" policy. The Chinese Government has already cancelled three visits to Washington by officials, including Chi Haotian, the Defence Minister, and warned yesterday of further reprisals if Mr Lee's visa was not rescinded.

Several experts in the State Department had warned the President that the issue could cause lasting damage to Sino-American relations at a time when the Administration has shown signs of a diplomatic warming towards Peking.

Although American arms sales to China were stopped after the Tiananmen Square uprising in 1989, Mr Clinton last year extended preferential trading status to the Chinese in exchange for an agreement by Peking not to export certain weapons.

The White House had been keen to avoid any diplomatic conflict with Peking, but has been forced to accept the overwhelming congressional support for Mr Lee's visit. The Administration has told the Chinese that Congress might adopt a binding resolution requiring the President to both grant a visa and upgrade US relations with Taiwan.

China and Taiwan agreed yesterday to hold the first top-level talks in two years to revive the faltering dialogue between them. After two days of talks, delegates from both sides announced that chairmen of semi-official groups representing Taiwan and China will meet in Peking in July to seek agreements on the repatriation of hijackers and illegal immigrants, and fishing disputes.

In Hong Kong yesterday, more than 2,000 people marched to Peking's de facto embassy to protest against the crushing of the Tiananmen Square democracy protests six years ago. They demanded the release of Chinese dissidents. Waving banners saying: "Remember June 4" and chanting "Release Wang Dan", a leader during the 1989 student democracy movement, the marchers walked to the offices of the New China News Agency, Peking's representative in Hong Kong. They placed a funeral wreath in front of the agency's gate.



Lee: granted visa for university reunion

PLO stakes claim to west Jerusalem

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

JEWS and Arabs yesterday both laid impassioned claim to Jerusalem on a day set aside annually by Israel for triumphal marches to mark its conquest of the east side of the holy city in the 1967 war.

Faisal Husseini, the leading Palestine Liberation Organisation official in Jerusalem, called on the Israelis to hand back land and property which he said belonged to the Arabs in the mainly Jewish west of the city — which Israel declared as its capital the year after the foundation of the Jewish state in 1948. Mr Husseini's claim added a new dimension to what Binyamin Ben-Eliezer, Israel's Housing Minister has called "the new battle for Jerusalem".

Yitzhak Rabin, the Prime Minister, angrily dismissed the new PLO territorial demands as "baseless". In a rare live broadcast from the weekly Cabinet meeting in west Jerusalem, Mr Rabin pledged that Israel would, if necessary, use violence to uphold its claim that Jerusalem is the undivided capital of the Jewish state. Mr Rabin, who last week was humiliated when the handful of Israeli Arab deputies in the Knesset forced him to abandon plans to seize 133 acres of mainly Arab land in east Jerusalem, told his ministers: "The Government will act to reinforce the status of a united Jerusalem as the capital of Israel only, and will fight any attempt to hurt this status."

Among Palestinians in east Jerusalem, the mood was sullen and resentful as crowds of Israelis waving the Star of David celebrated the 1967 conquest. At a protest outside PLO headquarters in the east of the city, Sari Nusseibeh, a leading Palestinian activist, showed why the Jerusalem issue is likely to sabotage the peace process when it comes up for negotiation next May. "Jerusalem is our eternal capital. There is no peace without Jerusalem being returned."

Maximum security was in force in the city because of fears that the Arabs would mark the occasion with a suicide attack, while many of the Israelis who converged on the city carried weapons.

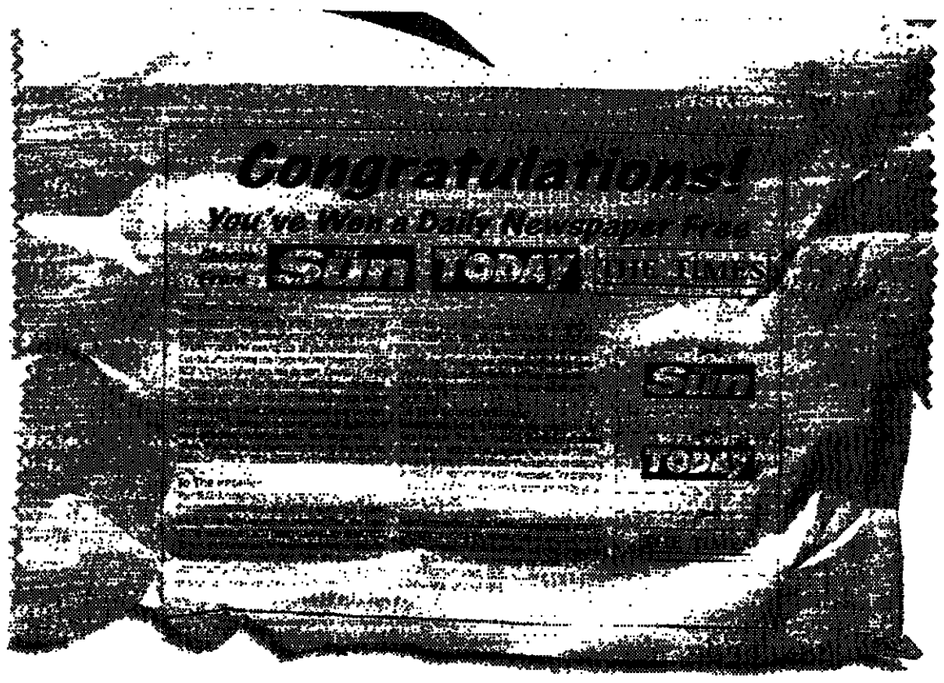
Shimon Peres, the Israeli Foreign Minister, and Yassir Arafat, the PLO leader, confirmed their commitment to meeting a July 1 deadline for agreement on expanding Palestinian autonomy. They issued a communiqué yesterday after meeting in Rabat.

☐ **Extremists held:** Police in Jerusalem detained 12 Jewish extremists who tried to force their way on to the Muslim-controlled Temple Mount. About 100 Jews attempted to storm two entrances to the site.

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Contact Group posturing fails to conceal lack of unity and resolve

BY JONATHAN EYAL

COMMENTARY

THE capture of British hostages in Bosnia yesterday has confirmed the worst scenario of the most pessimistic ministers in Whitehall.

For more than two years, the Government felt justifiably proud of the professionalism of its troops and the protection measures which the Ministry of Defence implemented. The Chiefs of Staff in London armed the troops with heavier equipment than is usual for United Nations operations. Their rules of engagement were clearer, and the British contingent also had a relatively safe supply line.

However, the fact that Britain sustained relatively light casualties was more a matter of good fortune rather than design, and the UN force is rapidly running out of luck. Still, the chances are that the hostages will be returned unharmed. Even by the warped logic of the Yugoslav war, the current crisis is extraordinary. The main culprits for the impasse are the Americans, who pushed for the airstrikes last week without thinking ahead. The Europeans were always aware that airstrikes could be credible only if the UN was prepared to ratchet up its involvement to an all-out land offensive if necessary.

The Serbs know that the airstrikes were intended to avoid a commitment and defuse the clamour for greater action. The Serbs' reaction, a replica of their behaviour during the airstrikes last year, was therefore predictable, and so will be the West's response. The current flurry of activity is connected less to the situation on the ground than about squaring Washington's political calculations with the predicament of the Europeans.

The Clinton Administration has spent the last two years denigrating the international presence in Bosnia. The countries contributing forces soldiered on, calculating that the operation, although disastrous, was more palatable than any alternative. They are no longer so sure, mainly because all the protagonists are interested in a UN presence in order to continue the war, rather than settle the conflict. More importantly, everyone realises that whatever is done, the UN operation is unlikely to be seen as heroic: feeding people so that they may be shot with full stomachs is never a very convincing endeavour. With more fighting guaranteed this summer, the UN was at last ready to contemplate withdrawal.

President Clinton has realised that the current confusion in Bosnia suits him well. Officially, he continues to uphold the principle of a united Bosnian state. In practice, he does nothing more than table UN resolutions, upholding all the principles, with none of the responsibilities.

The Bosnian Government, however, is aware that such a stalemate is not in its interest. President Izetbetgovic has therefore refused the renewal of a ceasefire and Bosnian troops were responsible as much as the Serbs for the current fighting. It is a game that the Bosnian President knows he cannot lose: although the UN can call airstrikes against any party, in practice, public opinion allows attacks against the Serbs alone. When fighting intensifies, pressure for "action" grows in the Republican-controlled Congress until the UN allows some airstrikes. Such attacks are therefore more connected with voting patterns in Washington than with the situation in Yugoslavia.

A crisis meeting of the Contact Group, representing Britain, France, Germany, America and Russia is taking place today in order to take stock of the situation. However, the group now resembles the Berlin congress last century: an irrelevant collection of self-important states eager to tell the people of the Balkans what they need to do, but seemingly powerless to impose their decision on the region. Germany and America have almost no troops on the ground but have many ideas about what could be done with someone else's soldiers: Britain and France contribute the majority of the troops but have no idea what these should do, while Russia resembles an unruly cat, willing to be stroked but just as determined to scratch if necessary, in the sure knowledge that, either way, feeding time is just around the corner.

Despite all the possible permutations, the options facing the UN are rather obvious. Launching a rescue operation is virtually impossible. The British troops could be regrouped in central Bosnia, but this will intensify the fighting. The Serbs know that executing hostages will provide the West with a reason for greater action. If new air attacks are launched, the Serbs will hide the hostages, leaving governments to guess whether they are alive or dead, and intensifying the dispute between America and the Europeans. The Serb aim is to humiliate the West a bit, but not to much: to discredit the idea of airstrikes once and for all, but keep an emasculated UN presence in Yugoslavia, for this serves their purpose.

It is a risky game, but the Serbs suspect that even if they err and invite a deeper Western military involvement, the Russians will be there to rescue them. Russia cares little about Serbia: the Kremlin's interest is in making clear that the West will not be allowed to to do as it wishes in a region which the Russians still conside as their sphere of influence.

☐ *The author is director of studies at the Royal United Services Institute in London.*

Cries grow for action on UN mission impossible

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

NATO

THE cries for either military action against the Serbs or the pullout of UN forces from Bosnia-Herzegovina grew ever louder yesterday, as despairing foreign ministers prepared to leap from one crisis meeting to another to decide what to do next.

For those who view Bosnia in black and white terms, there appear to be only two options: going to war with the Serbs or giving up. But the UN will do neither. There has never been any question of intervening militarily in Bosnia and, despite the latest defiance from the Serbs, "going to war" is not under consideration.

Giving up is theoretically an option but not seriously favoured by any of the countries who have contributed troops, not even France, which has borne the brunt of the casualties. No one wants to be seen fleeing the country with the jeers of the Serbs and protests of the Muslims ringing in their ears.

For the foreign ministers meeting in Brussels and The Hague today and at Noordwijk in The Netherlands tomorrow, the focus has to be on the safety of the 23,500 UN Protection Force (Unprofor) troops assigned to Bosnia. If UN soldiers, supposedly only serving in the former Yugoslav republic to save lives and promote peace, can be taken hostage, beaten up and humiliated with impunity, it is the responsibility of the governments that sent them there to do more than just condemn the acts in communiqués.

However, the lessons of Somalia should not be forgotten. The Americans arrived there with far more firepower than the UN troops have in Bosnia. They deployed Apache attack helicopters as well as tanks, and their rules of engagement allowed a more liberal interpretation of self-defence. Yet they still faced humiliation at the hands of the Somali warlords.

The foreign ministers of the European Union, the five-nation Contact Group and the North Atlantic Council of Nato are meeting after a weekend of violence in Bosnia which will be widely seen as a turning point in the ill-fated peacekeeping operation.

For the past two and a half years, the Serbs have mostly held the upper hand when dealing with Unprofor because the UN soldiers have not been allowed to mount offensive operations. If a Serb raised his Kalashnikov at a checkpoint and refused permission for a convoy to go past, Unprofor invariably turned round and went back to base. When Unprofor hostages were taken on previous occasions, there was no mandate for gaining their release by force.

However, the order by Lieutenant-General Rupert Smith, the Unprofor commander in Bosnia, to fight back, and the subsequent successful recapture of the Vrbanja bridge in Sarajevo yesterday by 50 French Marines, demonstrated to the Serbs and to the West's politicians that the dangerously fragile line between peacekeeping and peace enforcement has been crossed.

The order from General Smith will help to force the hand of the foreign ministers at their meetings to discuss the latest crisis. Conscious that Unprofor had been yielding to Serb blackmail for too long, General Smith has effectively changed the rules of engagement from self-defence to positive action. He has done so, however, without changing the UN mandate which allows its troops to use all necessary means to carry out their mission.

Now any show of political dithering by Nato foreign ministers or by the UN Security Council will only play into the hands of the Serbs who have always shown skill in exploiting the West's weaknesses.

However, divisions among the main players make resolute action unlikely. Russia has complained that it was not told about last week's Nato airstrikes, and favours the diplomatic, negotiated approach. Russia's Western partners cannot afford to sideline Moscow because its help is needed to put whatever pressure it can on Serbia, and through Belgrade to the Bosnian Serbs in Pale.

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Diplomatic whirlwind

THE latest drama with the Bosnian Serbs will dominate a series of high-level diplomatic meetings this week in Brussels, The Hague and the Dutch coastal town of Noordwijk (Michael Evans writes).

Although the European foreign ministers' meeting in Brussels and the Nato North Atlantic Council session in Noordwijk were planned as part of routine get-togethers, they have both been hijacked by the new crisis in Bosnia. Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, will attend both meetings as well as the five-nation Contact Group emergency meeting, when he will be joined by the foreign ministers of the United States, Russia, France and Germany at the French Ambassador's residence in The Hague.

Despite the impression of a whirlwind of diplomatic activity, there is little optimism for a solution that will immediately resolve this current crisis. However, all three communiqués are expected to condemn the Serbs.



Bosnian Serb soldiers on a forested hill above Gorazde. Their presence is a continuing threat to the "safe area"

Britons caught in scenic danger zone

BY MICHAEL EVANS

GORAZDE

GORAZDE, the scene of yesterday's kidnap of 33 British soldiers, is one of the most beautiful and most dangerous locations for the United Nations troops. Sitting aside the Drina river on the main road from the Dalmatian coast to Belgrade, Gorazde has been at the centre of some of the biggest dramas of the Bosnian war.

For UN troops assigned to this east Bosnian Muslim enclave, one of the so-called "safe areas", Gorazde has been a symbol of all the worst ingredients of the war: persistent firefights with Serbs, poor lines of communication, unreliable food and fuel supplies and, above all, the feeling of being isolated.

If there were an order to withdraw the UN troops from Bosnia, those in Gorazde — among them, it is understood, some SAS soldiers — would face one of the most difficult evacuations. Gorazde is approached along a circuitous route from Sarajevo, which passes through a Serb checkpoint at Rogatica, east of the capital, controlled by one of the toughest and most obstructive Serb warlords in the whole of Bosnia-Herzegovina. The checkpoint consists of a single barrier but Rogatica has been the focus of some unpleasant and potentially dangerous confrontations between British UN troops and the Serbs.

In November last year, 13 Royal Enineers were detained at Rogatica for about a week. The nearest checkpoint to Gorazde is at Ustipraca, where more than 40 members of the Royal Gloucestershire, Berkshire and Wiltshire Regiment were held by the Serbs for five days, also last November.

Beyond Rogatica, there is a no man's land in rugged wooded hills that is littered with destroyed cars and trucks. Gunmen in the trees shoot across the ridges. On the slopes leading down from Serb lines to Gorazde, there are rows of blackened, roofless houses, a familiar scene in so many parts of Bosnia.

Gorazde itself, which has a population of about 65,000, is set in a picturesque mountainous area. The town, surrounded by hills, was the last Muslim-held outpost east of Sarajevo. Its fate was sealed after a long siege by the Serbs who rained artillery shells on the town until a truce was called and the UN moved in as guardians.

The British took over duties in Gorazde last year, as well as their other functions in central Bosnia, and it immediately became clear that this east Bosnian Muslim enclave would be for the British soldiers one of the most onerous and dangerous assignments.



US team reviews policy

AMERICA

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

THE Clinton foreign policy team met at the White House yesterday to review a crisis which has left America on the sidelines.

Although the United States has been the most vocal proponent of airstrikes, the hostage-taking of United Nations peacekeepers by Bosnian Serbs has undermined American attempts to drive allied policy in the region.

The talks, between Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, Anthony Lake, the National Security Adviser, and William Perry, the Defence Secretary, concerned the five-nation Contact Group meeting in the The Hague today.

President Clinton, who had telephoned John Major and President Chirac on Saturday to call for a more muscular approach to the UN mission, was not at the meeting.

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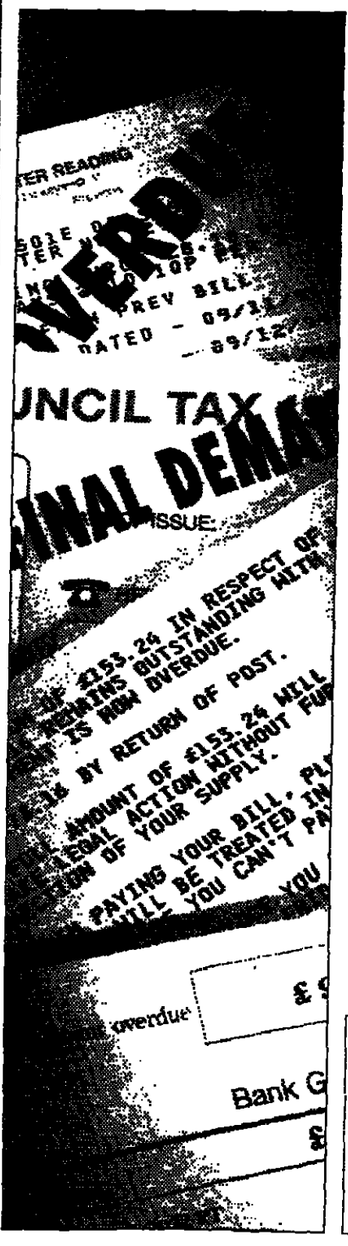
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Right wing heads for victory in Spanish local elections but Socialists are ready to do a deal

González banks on faithful to save his face at polls

FROM EDWARD OWEN IN MADRID

SPAIN'S minority Socialist Government was hoping that a good turnout in fine weather would save it from humiliation in municipal and regional elections yesterday, although all opinion polls were forecasting the first landslide victory for the Centre-Right Popular Party.

The Socialists believed that good weather would lure out older and reluctant or undecided voters who traditionally favour the old guard. The polls had indicated that a third of the 32 million electorate in more than 8,000 municipalities — and the 17 million votes being cast for 13 of Spain's 17 regional parliaments — were undecided.

Alejandro Cercas, campaign manager for the Socialist Party which has been in power in Madrid for more than 13 years, said: "On May 29, elected councillors will wake up and need alliances. The Popular Party will not achieve a crushing victory." He added: "We will make deals with the communists and other Left nationalist parties."

But at his final election rally in Madrid on Friday night, José María Aznar, the Popular Party leader, who has gained in stature since surviving a recent assassination attempt by Basque separatists, said he was expecting a spectacular triumph. His audience was five times the number that Felipe González, the Prime Minister, attracted at his Madrid meeting. Señor González seems grimly determined to hold on to power until the next general election, due in 1997. But if he received less than 30 per cent of the vote, it would be considered a disaster.



González: determined to hold on to power

Jordi Pujol, the President of Catalonia, whose nationalist coalition keeps the Socialists in power, reiterated his support for the Government. He said he wanted to ensure that Spain would be able to implement "a positive" and "tranquil" presidency of the European Union in the second half of this year, in contrast to the last two mandates by Germany and France where elections sapped the system. The wily Catalan leader also wants to make sure that he will still be able to star at the forthcoming conference on Security and Co-operation in the Mediterranean. It is due to take place in Barcelona in November with 27 countries attending.

By yesterday afternoon, attendance at some 50,000 polling stations was 38.98 per cent, 4.5 per cent up on the previous elections four years ago.

Although 2,352 European citizens living in Spain were allowed to vote for the first time in these municipal elections, Britons were excluded. Spain claims that Britain does not offer reciprocity. But the real reason for delaying approval of the relevant European Union directive is the usual rock of contention: the increasingly bitter dispute over the future of Gibraltar.

Overall, opinion polls predicted that the centre right Popular Party of 42-year-old Señor Aznar would obtain around 42 per cent of the vote while the Socialists of 52-year-old Señor González would receive about 28 per cent. In the last local elections in 1991, the Socialists polled 38.3 per cent and the Popular Party 25.3 per cent.

The United Left communists, who may get 15 per cent of the vote — compared with 8.4 per cent in 1991 — have strongly resisted making a pact with the Socialists so far. In fact, Julio Anguita, 53, the communist leader, argues that the Socialists and the Popular Party are one and the same.

"Aznar is the official Right, the visible one. Felipe is the disguised Right," he said. Where we have to start negotiations, we will do so openly."

Señor Aznar has spearheaded a vigorous general-election style campaign throughout the country, while Señor González has appeared only in some key cities. The Prime Minister admitted that he was "psychologically and physically tired" after 12 years in office; he has become a virtual recluse in his residence and office, the Moncloa Palace.

Señor González also feels betrayed by some government officials — now charged with corruption — who have helped to damage the Socialist's credibility.



José María Aznar, leader of the right-wing Popular Party, and his wife, Ana Botella, voting in Madrid yesterday. Polls predicted victory for the Right

Britain heading for showdown with Gibraltar

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

THE Gibraltar Government is preparing itself for a showdown with Britain, following growing speculation that Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, will soon seek an Order in Council to impose direct rule on the Rock.

Spokesmen for the Gibraltar Government have indicated that they believe Britain is determined to force a confrontation with Joe Bossano, the Chief Minister. "If we are going to have this conflict, we should probably have it now rather than later," said Albert Poggio, Gibraltar's representative in London.

David Davis, the Foreign Office Minister responsible for Europe, hinted that Britain's patience with the colony's Government was now at an end. He said he would not engage in "megaphone diplomacy", but confirmed that Britain had made it clear to Mr Bossano how serious the situation was. "We are talking about money laundering, we are talking about drug smuggling, we are talking about serious crimes," said on BBC radio on Saturday.

Mr Davis emphasised Britain's responsibility for security and good government in the colony. "To allow the growth of a trade in smuggling or money laundering would be to undermine both these things," he said.

He would not be drawn on whether Britain would seek to impose direct rule, but he did not rule out a possible showdown. Mr Hurd is understood to have warned Mr Bossano that action must be taken "within weeks" to halt smuggling and implement European Union directives on money laundering. Officials from the Bank of England and the Foreign Office are now in Gibraltar to help draft the necessary legislation.

Mr Bossano is angry at the British accusations. Mr Poggio said at the weekend that the financial commissioner appointed by London had found no evidence of financial mismanagement. Gibraltar also insists it wants the same freedom to act as an offshore centre as other British territories such as Guernsey or the Cayman Islands.

British officials do not hide Britain's impatience with Gibraltar or concern that the issue is holding up improvement in Anglo-Spanish relations, which the Government considers important in the run-up to the Spanish presidency of the European Union. Last week, Spain arrested five men, including three Gibraltarians, who were allegedly involved in smuggling 500,000 packets of cigarettes worth £750,000 to Spain.

Officials in Madrid have let it be known that the reason Spain held up legislation that would have allowed hundreds of thousands of British residents to vote in yesterday's local elections was dissatisfaction at Britain's failure to curb smuggling from Gibraltar.

An Order in Council is an executive order by the Privy Council which gives the Government the authority to act without requiring the endorsement of Parliament. Gibraltarians, as citizens of a dependent territory, would have no power to contest such an order.

Cash row hits Sydney Olympics

Sydney: International Olympic Committee officials have warned that the 2000 Games could be moved from Sydney because of financial wrangles, Australian officials said yesterday.

John Coates, President of the Australian Olympic Committee, was quoted in newspaper reports as saying a row over finances had led many international officials to question whether Sydney wanted to host the games. But yesterday he said that the IOC had not previously removed a city's right to host the Games.

Juan Antonio Samaranch, president of the IOC, was said to be concerned that the New South Wales state Government was not fully behind the hosting of the Olympics. *(AFP)*

Dehaene request

Brussels: King Albert of Belgium asked Jean-Luc Dehaene, the outgoing Prime Minister, to form a new coalition government. The move had been expected since the May 21 election. *(Reuter)*

Cosatu strike

Johannesburg: The Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu) announced a campaign of mass action leading to a half-day general strike next month in protest at new labour legislation.

Ebola nun dies

Rome: Another nun based in Kikwit in Zaire has died from the deadly Ebola virus, which has already killed six of her colleagues along with more than 100 local people, Italian television reported. *(Reuter)*

Bhutto retreat

Islamabad: Benazir Bhutto's Government backtracked over changes to Pakistan's blasphemy law after the electorally-weak Islamic parties showed their influence with a nationwide strike. *(AFP)*

Arsenal blasts

Aden: Yemeni officials were investigating a fire which swept through four ammunition dumps in central Aden and sent unprimed missiles hurtling into residential areas. No one was killed. *(Reuter)*

Legs reattached

Durban: Amos Mosea, a three-year-old boy whose legs were cut off by a combine harvester, is recovering well after a marathon operation to reattach the severed limbs, the hospital said. *(AFP)*

Brussels unveils £300m pink elephant

FROM MICHAEL DYNES IN BRUSSELS

IF buildings tend to embody the character of the institutions that inhabit them, then the new £300 million office complex which will be formally handed over to Europe's Council of Ministers in Brussels today conveys a simple message: keep out.

Built like a mediaeval fortress, the Council's new pink marble and plate glass monolith rises ten storeys, intimidating everything else around it. All that is needed is a squad of chain mail soldiers on the battlements pouring boiling oil over the invading hordes below to complete the effect.

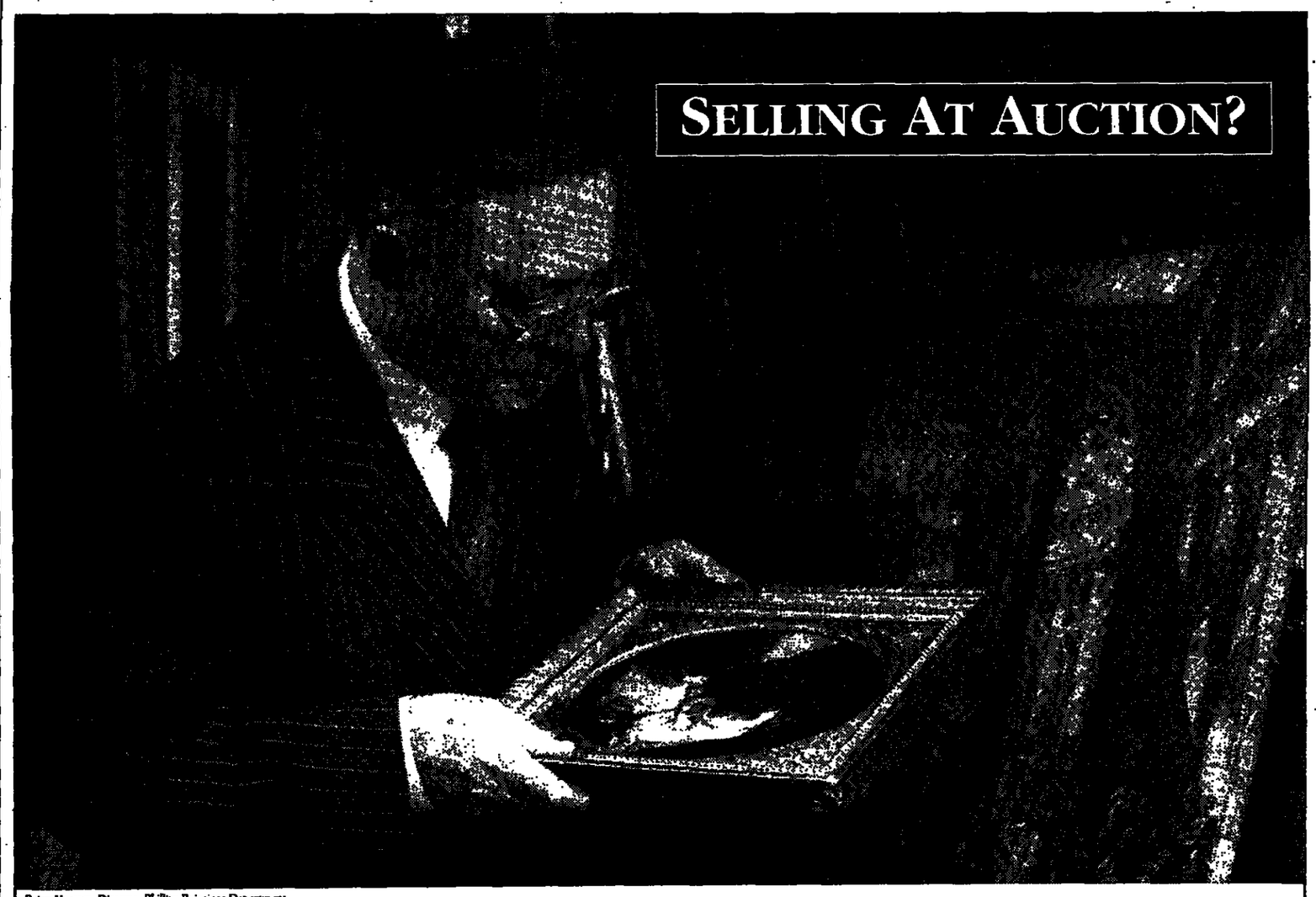
During a midday ceremony presided over by Jean-Luc Dehaene, the Belgian Prime Minister, EU Foreign Ministers will take possession of the new Juste Lipse building — named after an obscure 15th century Flemish philosopher — which has already been branded Europe's new "pink palace" or "pink elephant".

Located at the heart of Brussels's Euro-quarter, the Juste Lipse complex will replace the antiquated Charlemagne building, which is hated by ministers, bureaucrats, and journalists alike because of its rudimentary facilities and lack of air conditioning.

Although the building is over budget and overdue, its inhabitants are confident that it will replace the Berlaymont, the European Commission's star-shapped headquarters, as the popular image of the EU. The complex covers eight acres and is made up of five interlocking squares, creating a series of internal courtyards and a labyrinth of corridors. A total of 70,630 cubic feet of pink marble, and 193,800 sq ft of plate glass were used in the construction.

Internally, the building has been described as "a study in pink". The floors are decorated in either pink marble or pink carpet, the walls are a subtle shade of pink and even the ceilings have an unmistakably pinkish hue. This, the designers insist, is to put Europe's ministers at their ease.

The new building will provide facilities for up to 15 simultaneous ministerial meetings, offices for about 2,500 permanent staff, and space for up to 1,000 journalists, as well as banqueting rooms, three restaurants, a gymnasium and sports centre, and 2,000 parking spaces. Ministers also have their own drive-in entrance, designed to keep them out of the reach of journalists.



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At the Serpentine, a wry look at English society from the versatile Mark Wallinger

OPENS: Now
REVIEW: Tomorrow



OPERA

Mutiny at Covent Garden, with a new production of Britten's naval tragedy, *Billy Budd*

OPENS: Tomorrow
REVIEW: Thursday



POP

In Bob Marley's 50th anniversary year, the stars of reggae line up in tribute at Wembley Arena

GIG: Thursday
REVIEW: Monday



FILM

Drugs and degradation among rich young Londoners: Elizabeth Hurley stars in *Mad Dogs and Englishmen*.

OPENS: Friday
REVIEW: Thursday

Once, Wagner was new music

Even the best of today's new music is arid, introverted and will not endure, Bernard Levin insisted in *The Times* last week. Paul Griffiths disagrees

DONALD COOPER



Harrison Birtwistle's *The Second Mrs Kong*: part of the thrill of new music is being at the premiere of a work that may be bound for greatness

It is unduly pessimistic of Bernard Levin to be mourning the death of music (*The Times*, May 23). Where is the body? To go simply by numbers, there must be more professional composers working now within the Western "classical" tradition than ever before, and certainly the volume of new music available on record is vastly greater now than 20 years ago. If the criterion is to be popularity, then a work by a living composer, Henryk Gorecki, was recently outselling anything by Mozart.

Or if the case is to be made on the shakier ground of personal judgment, then let me place, alongside Mr Levin's undifferentiated abuse of "Birtwistle, Maxwell Davies, Henze, Stockhausen, Boulez and the rest" an alternative view. Within the small space of the past three years, the world has been enriched by the kaleidoscope of birdsongs, colours, chants and melodies in Messiaen's glorious leave-taking, *Eclairs sur l'Au-delà* ..., by the vivid dramatic machinery of Birtwistle's *Antiphonies* for piano and orchestra, by Steve Reich's playful spiriting of music out of documentary interviews in *The Cave*, by the wondrous new sounds of electric flutes caught in a tangle of orchestral echoes in Boulez's ... *explosante-fixe* ..., by the physical and mental agility of Milton Babbitt's Preludes, Interludes and Postlude for piano, by the power of lament in Stockhausen's *Pietà*, by the delightful gossamer and strangeness of Ligeti's Violin Concerto, by the immense, grieving pronouncements of Kurtág's *Stele*.

> "It elasticates the brain to consider things that are new"

Many of these works can already be heard on compact disc: others, including Reich and the Boulez, are due shortly. I urge Mr Levin to give them a whirl.

Of course, no one can tell what will endure. (A musical observer in 1895 could hardly have predicted that, of the composers then active, Mahler, Debussy and Janáček would be so highly valued now.) It is even possible that among things lost during the next century will be the very notion of artistic endurance, as we move ever further from the sort of society — one homogeneous in background and aspiration — that can maintain a corpus of classics. This is perhaps what has stopped or is stopping: not music, but the network of institutions and beliefs necessary to the notion of a repertory that, in Mr Levin's words, "all could and did listen to".

That "all" was only ever an ideal, even if we take it to mean "all in Britain", for there were always large slices of the population disenfranchised by lack of opportunity, education or interest. It was also an ideal with a rather short history. Public concerts did not become widespread and regular events in this country until the second half of the 19th century; radio and records did not start to increase the potential audience further until the 1920s. Now the splendid idea of a universal music is receding. The record industry, which did so much to establish and communicate the central repertory, has gone on to bring us the symphonies of J.C. Bach, the madrigals of Cipriano de Rore and the operas of Peter Maxwell Davies — not to mention the music of non-European cultures: north Indian, Japanese, West African. Our record shops reflect the fact that we are complex and diverse people, living in a complex and diverse world, and having complex and diverse musical needs. One of those needs is for novelty. It elasticates the brain to consider things that are new, and therefore stand the chance of being uncomfortable, even at first repugnant. And we do not have to make the choice between the old and the new. We can listen to Bach and to Boulez, and discover how hearing each of them sends forks of lightning through our experience of the other.

Although changing with our changing perceptions, Mozart, Wagner and Stravinsky may continue to be important to us: indeed, I can hardly imagine it otherwise. We may find that some of our contemporaries join the immortals: I hope so. More than that, I find it part of the thrill of new music to have the possibility of being at the first performance of something bound for greatness. We could not be there in Vienna three days before Christmas 1808, when the world first learnt what dit-dit-dit-*da* was going to mean. But we can be at the Proms this summer, whether in person or listening at home, to hear — and to participate in history's estimation of — pieces by Luciano Berio and Elliott Carter, James Wood and Kaija Saariaho.

These people are living in our world; their music is our music. And we are the future's only representatives in the present. If we do not pay attention to living composers, then music will not die, for imagination can overpower neglect. What will die will be the art of listening.

● *Paul Griffiths is music critic of The New Yorker*

OVERTURES

Preacher hunt is called off

THE police hunt for Manic Street Preachers guitarist **Richey Edwards** has been called off, four months after he was last seen leaving a London hotel. "He's over 18 and entitled to go missing," said a police spokesman. "We have no reason to believe he has committed suicide." Meanwhile the band's remaining members are considering recording and touring as a three-piece.

● BIRMINGHAM Royal Ballet's new artistic director has announced ambitious plans for his inaugural season. **David Bintley**, who takes over from Sir Peter Wright in July, is planning to choreograph a new full-length ballet based on Hardy's *Far From the Madding Crowd* — "it's a great story and it's part of our heritage". Meanwhile, the company's contribution to Birmingham's Towards the Millennium Festival (which focuses on the Fifties next year) is a new revival of Jerome Robbins's 1951 work, *The Cage*, in which a "colony of female insects castrate and decapitate the lone male insect". As Bintley says, it's one for the ladies. He is giving the men a new ballet of their own, which he will choreograph to *Carmina Burana*.

● THEATRE managers are getting younger. The much-troubled Salisbury Playhouse, which went dark in January, has appointed 28-year-old **Jonathan Church** as the new artistic director when it is relaunched in September. Church has already served stints at the Derby and Nottingham Playhouses.

What's more, Salisbury's new executive director, **Rebecca Morland**, is 34, and three members of the new board are under 36. New funding commitments for the theatre come from Southern Arts, Salisbury council and Wiltshire council, and the Foundation for Sport and the Arts has given £100,000, to reduce the accumulated deficit to £230,000.

● BROADWAY's current Hamlet, Ralph Fiennes, looks like the actor to beat at the Tony Awards next Sunday if his victory at last week's Drama Desk Awards is any gauge. The Drama Desk honours both Broadway and off-Broadway shows, which makes Fiennes's win even more impressive.

Elsewhere, though, the British may not do so well. Tom Stoppard's *Arcadia*, for instance, lost the top Drama Desk prize to the American writer Terrence McNally's *Love! Valour! Compassion!*. As for *Sunset Boulevard*, the Drama Desk gave its best musical prize not to the Lloyd Webber epic but to Harold Prince's production of the American classic, *Show Boat*.

● FORMER stars of the TV drama *Soldier, Soldier*, the actors **Robson Green** and **Jerome Flynn** are the current heroes of the nation's record retailers. Having made their debut at No 1 with 310,000 sales of their single *Unchained Melody*, the duo then went on to shift 460,000 in the following seven-day period — the highest weekly sale of any British single since Band Aid's *Do They Know It's Christmas* in 1984. The song itself has now been a hit in eight different versions, equalling the achievement of *White Christmas*.

The amour-plated hit machine

POP

Celine Dion
Apollo, W6

LOVE figures highly on Celine Dion's scale of things. Her latest album (double platinum sales in this country and still in the Top Five) is called *The Colour of My Love*. Montreal's darling has made Jennifer Rush's song *The Power of Love* her own.

And when she is not actually singing about love, she is talking about it. Dion, a thoroughly nice girl, loves her audience, her musicians, her crew; she loves everybody, including the tea lady at Sony Records. Phew. One somehow wishes that — just once — she would break out, kick Peter Barbeau's drums over, perhaps smash André Coutu's guitar. Even hazard a stab at a truly sleazy song by, say, the Velvet Underground.

This is not to be, which is probably why most of the world loves Dion right back, ensuring sell-out concerts and multimillion record sales. Her latest single, *Only One Road* (no prizes for guessing the subject-matter), is shooting up (no drug pun intended) the charts and the first leg of her British tour (she returns in October) has attracted capacity houses.

The Dion experience may be a bit limited for those who prefer their love in measured doses, preferably without a blazing lightshow or a synthesizer overloaded with string samples, but it is a formula that clearly works.

However, these are minor points of artifice. Dion has a massive voice, the capabilities of which are often more promising that the softish rock music itself. Her sense of dramatic delivery is flawless. There are times, particularly in *If You Asked Me To* and *Calling You*, when she cuts past her eight-piece band, and into the quick. These are among the best moments, but their effect is often dissipated by cheesier material, *Beauty and the Beast* being a main offender.

Even so, it would take a hard heart indeed to look for really severe faults. Dressed in a dapper two-piece suit, looking rather like a principal boy, Dion clearly relished the evening, establishing a strong (and probably loving) rapport with the audience. Stepping out of the back line for two duets, Kerry Bradford contributed some fine solo vocals, weaving a nimble counterpoint around Dion's own lines. The star saved her biggest punches for Rush's song and a stirring *Think Twice* before rounding off with *Can't Help Falling in Love*. She wept, the crowd wept. The backing singers, who for reasons unexplained, continued doing their backstroke dance.

LOUISE GRAY



Celine Dion: she loves you, yeah, yeah, yeah

Moving on by his fingernails

WORLD MUSIC: Amjad Ali Khan, master of the *sarod* and lord of the *raag*, talks to Tunku Varadarajan

On London Underground's District Line, Amjad Ali Khan began to sing softly. Never before can *raag Lalit* have been sung on the Tube, and all heads in the packed compartment tilted in his direction. Initial puzzlement turned swiftly to awe: there is the purest velvet in his voice.

Khan is one of India's foremost *sarod* players. The *sarod* is a stringed instrument that can be said to belong to his ancient family. Descended from the Afghan *rabab*, it owes its present form to Khan's great-grandfather.

After the *shehnai*, an oboe-like wind instrument, the *sarod* is arguably the most difficult Indian instrument to master. It is fretless, and is played by pressing the metal strings directly on to the finger board with only the edge of the fingernail. "The margin of error is very, very small," he says.

Khan is "on sabbatical" at present, as a visiting professor of Indian music at York University. He will be 50 in October and is clearly enjoying his unquestioned status as an elder statesman of the *raag*.

"In spite of MTV" — which has infected India like some demotic plague — he sees "a very bright future for Hindustani classical music". His sons, Amaan and Ayaan, are budding *sarod* players, as steeped in a father's tradition as Khan once was.

In the Indian manner, his father, Hafiz Ali Khan, was his teacher in all things musical. Once, at an audience with the President of India in Delhi, his father was asked whether he needed anything.

"He could have asked for a house, a stipend, an academy for the *sarod*, a scholarship for his son," Khan said, "but all he asked for was urgent protection for *raag Darbari-Kanhra*." Certain liberties had begun to be taken with that particular *raag* by performers in India and the old man's purist indignation had been aroused.

Decades later, Amjad Ali Khan also provokes the ire of traditionalists with his passion for composition. He has composed more *raags* than any other living musician. But the Hindustani classical tradition has tended to frown on composition, preferring the creative instincts of its musicians to be expressed more in the interpretation of the existing canon than in its expansion.

Khan, however, has ignored his critics. He composed *raag Priyadarshini* when Indira Gandhi was assassinated by her own bodyguards, and *Kamal Shri* when her son, Rajiv, died at the hands of Sri Lankan Tamils. His most moving creation is *Amiri Todi*, in memory of Amir Khan, the brilliant Hindustani singer whose career was cut short cruelly by a motor accident.

He sang *Amiri Todi* in the lobby of the hotel where we met. He sang *raag Subhalakshmi* too, a piece composed in honour of his wife, and of "all Indian women who have sacrificed their careers to their husbands and family".

Khan's is a complex art, but his approach to it is straightforward. His simplicity is as handsome as the instrument on which he plays. "My audiences in England now know as much about my music as those in Delhi or Calcutta," he revealed, as we walked to the Tube station. Minutes later, *raag Lalit* came to the District Line.



Amjad Ali Khan and the fiendishly difficult to play *sarod*

Faded Janowitz loses her way

CONCERT

Hallé/Nagano
Free Trade Hall, Manchester

A FULL house at a Hallé concert in the Free Trade Hall is a rare and wonderful sight these days. It is just the kind of encouragement an orchestra needs at the end of a difficult season. It is also a heavy responsibility in that, having got there, the audience must be persuaded to come back in similar numbers next time. This particular concert of Mozart and Strauss conducted by Kent Nagano was surely not persuasive enough.

No one came specifically for the Symphony No 15 in G, K124, which was a wasted opportunity to capture immediate interest. Attractively played though it was, no one will have been inspired by the quality of the teenage composer's melodic invention to come back for the next early Mozart or to take on trust the next unfamiliar filler in a Hallé programme. Many, on the other hand, had come for the *Four Last Songs* and many must have been disappointed.

Gundula Janowitz has been a great Strauss soprano and the art of understatement is still very evident in her interpretation. The voice retains a certain freshness, too, although over a limited range: there was little variety in colour and notes at the bottom of the stave were scarcely audible.

More disturbing, she has lost her authority — or so it seemed from an apparently perfunctory and nervily insecure performance of the first song in the set, *Frühling*, and from a fairly disastrous omission of a whole bar of the vocal line in *Beim Schlafengehen*. The horn and violin solos were, in some kind of compensation, firmly and expressively done.

The horn playing was one of the major distinctions in *Ein Heldenleben* too. In fact, except in some curiously inconsistent violin solos from Kees Hulsmann, it was a well-prepared and skilfully executed orchestral performance.

At the same time, and particularly in the strings, it was seriously lacking in character, authentically noisy though it was in the battle scene.

A month ago Nagano's interpretation of Bartók's *Bluebeard's Castle* provoked cheers from a thin audience. At the last concert of the season his cleverly planned but emotionally ungenerous interpretation of a traditional Hallé favourite left a full house warmly polite but apparently unexcited.

GERALD LARNER

History as bunk

Royal Ballet of Flanders
Derngate, Northampton

THE first time the Royal Ballet of Flanders came to Northampton they brought Nureyev's *Don Quixote* (the finest staging around) and a rare and exotic guest artist: Irek Mukhamedov, who was then still the Bolshoi's male star.

This time the Flanders company offers no big names, but its own dancers emerge as ample compensation: young, precise, with bouncy allegro and neat ensembles.

More doubtful is their production of *La Fille mal gardée* by Joseph Lazzini, which purports to be taken "from historical archive material". Even if I bend over backwards until I hit the floor, this claim strikes me as ambiguous. The choreography by Lazzini looks as far from Dauberval's 1789 original as only the 20th century can be. Lazzini's first bash at the ballet was in 1954: since then he has piled on more and more dances and virtuosic tricks which did not kill the dancers, but damn near did me in. To compound the profusion, Lazzini utilises not the ballet's Hérold score, nor its subsequent Hertel one, but both, in a mind-boggling musical pick'n'mix.

Koen Kessels conducts the East of England Orchestra in this marathon of short-breathed tunes, comprising not only everything Hérold and Hertel probably wrote, but, my ears tell me, much else besides.

All of which is a pity, because the story retains its charm and Roger Bernard's designs are fresh and pretty, the harvest-time field of Act I stretching out to a sweeping horizon, overlooked by a stormy sky. Aysem Sunal, a wisp of a Lise, is technically fearless and has airily clean movements and a lovely wide smile. You just have to become accustomed to the stylised, rather brittle mode of acting, very much in keeping with continental *Filles*. Played by Jan Vandeloo, Lise's mother Marceline (Simone in other productions) huffs and puffs two-dimensionally and, like the rest of the cast, manages a mime somehow combining crude exaggerations with vagueness. Eric Frédéric as Colin (or Colas) does not have to act much, but can concentrate on his sharp outlines and considerable ballon in innumerable solos.

It is all a far cry from the beautifully paced, naturalistic Ashton version we know so well. But how interesting to see many of the situations and details Ashton used cropping up here also. It seems that both Ashton and Lazzini drew from the same sources, even if neither produced authentic historical re-creations.

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UNUM

Bold French shock Serbs as troops retake bridge

FROM JOEL BRAND IN SARAJEVO

THE unexpectedly fierce response by French combat troops to this weekend's Serb raid on a United Nations-held bridge may well come to be seen as a turning point in the UN's role in the Bosnia crisis. It was a test of resolve, and the Serbs, who have taken more than 300 UN hostages with apparent ease in defiance of world opinion, were clearly taken aback by the French troops' decisive action.

Serb fighters had captured a central Sarajevo bridge and several UN armoured personnel carriers, and seized 12 more hostages. The French responded on the orders of Lieutenant-General Rupert Smith, the UN commander in Bosnia, by sending in 50 combat-ready peacekeepers and six tanks. Two Frenchmen were killed and ten wounded in the hour-long battle that ensued. At least four Serbs died.

Early yesterday morning, Serb troops slipped away from their last positions on the bridge, leaving it to the French. One of the French hostages, who had been kept as a human shield, escaped.

"We are at war," a UN official said. "By every barometer, we are now a warring party. The only question is how quickly, and at what cost, we will be able to bring it to an end."

UN officials say the past four days' events have "illuminated the inconsistencies" of a mission where lightly-armed "blue helmets" are asked to be both neutral observers and "peace-enforcers". The ordeal of the hostages and surrounded peacekeepers, coupled with the French combat operation, suggest that the UN and the main powers are going to have to either reduce the operation in Bosnia, or be prepared to forcibly bring the Serbs into line.

"There is no middle ground," a senior UN official in Zagreb said. "We cannot go on as we were before, leaving our people on the Serb side [as neutrals] as well as protecting the 'safe areas' and enforcing the exclusion zones."

At 4.30am Serb commandos, wearing French uniforms, helmets and flak-jackets, and carrying the weapons of French soldiers they are holding hostage, drove onto the UN-held Vrbanja bridge inside a French UN armoured personnel carrier. The bridge is in a no man's land near Sarajevo.

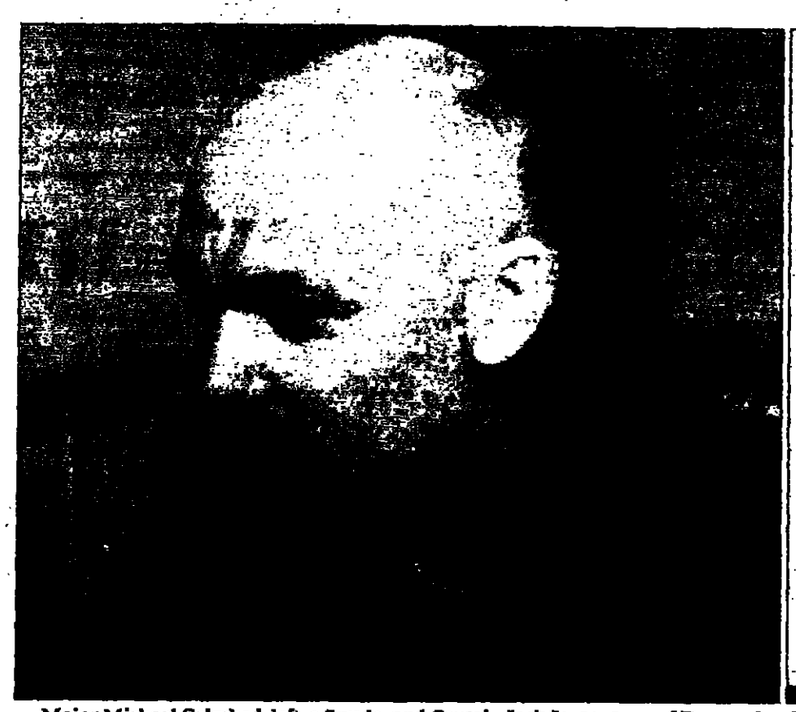
"The French soldiers thought it was normal," said Major Guy Vinet, a UN spokesman in Sarajevo. "The Serbs got out of the vehicle and approached the French." Within a few minutes, and without firing a shot, the Serbs had control of the bridge along with 12 more hostages and several additional UN armoured personnel carriers. Ten of the French were disarmed and taken to an unknown destination as hostages and two were kept on the bridge as human shields.

The UN headquarters learned of the infiltration half an hour later when it was unable to raise the unit on the bridge by radio. A French officer was sent to the scene. Even he was fooled by the French uniforms and armoured personnel carriers, but when one of the Serbs spoke in English and tried to arrest him, he drove off and raised the alarm.

One UN official described it as an "audacious" attempt to humiliate the peacekeeping force. It may also be a test of the UN's resolve to hold positions under its protection. In recent months the Serbs have reinforced their claim to Sarajevo airport which is among the most contested ground in the city. The airport is now under UN control, but if peacekeepers ever prepare for a withdrawal, the Serbs are likely to try and take it before they go. The airport is manned by French troops.

Pope's wrath

Rome: The Pope yesterday invoked the judgment of God against the warmongers of former Yugoslavia. "To all those who are responsible, in one way or another, for this terrible war, God will demand one day, 'What hast thou done? The voice of thy brother's blood crieth to me from the earth'," he said, raising his voice as he quoted the biblical verse referring to the slaying of Abel by his brother Cain. (AP)





Major Michael Calmhed, left, a Swede, and Captain Jack Jorgenssen, of Denmark, who are both being held hostage by Serbs at Lukavica barracks near Sarajevo airport

Paris drums up support for tougher mandate

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

FRANCE, stung by the deaths and humiliation of its soldiers, waged an intense diplomatic drive over the weekend for a new consensus to beef up the United Nations mission in former Yugoslavia and isolate the Bosnian Serb forces.

In a round of Cabinet meetings and telephone calls to Presidents Yeltsin and Clinton, John Major and other leaders, President Chirac sought action to free the 93 French troops who are among more than 300 from the UN protection force taken hostage by the Bosnian Serbs. He also insisted the crisis must not just be defused but used to force a breakthrough in diplomacy and peacekeeping.

M Chirac, backing up French indignation, ordered the aircraft carrier *Foch*, a frigate, landing craft and other vessels to sail for the Adriatic. Their combat aircraft and troops could be used for offensive operations or to cover a withdrawal.

After a long lull during the presidential election, Bosnia has leapt back on to the public stage. A sense of shock swept the country when television broadcast images of French soldiers waving white flags and being taken prisoner by swaggering Serb troops outside Sarajevo on Saturday.

National pride was partly assuaged by news that the French forces had staged the first pitched battle involving UN troops and taken back the bridge captured by Serb militia disguised as French personnel. Two soldiers died and 17 were wounded in the fierce firefight. Voicing the new aggressive approach, Admiral Jacques Lanxade, the French Chief of Staff, said: "The order given today to our forces is to resist ... using all available means."

Despite the soldiers' ordeal and loss of a total of 39 French personnel in Bosnia, public sentiment for withdrawal is less evident than the desire to hit back at the Serbs, end the stalemate and enforce peace. One military saying is being widely aired: "*On tire ou on se tire*" (We shoot or we get out). *Le Monde* said: "Europe is in danger if it proves incapable of putting an end to the return of war to the continent." The UN forces must be given the means "to take aim at the Bosnian Serbs", it said.

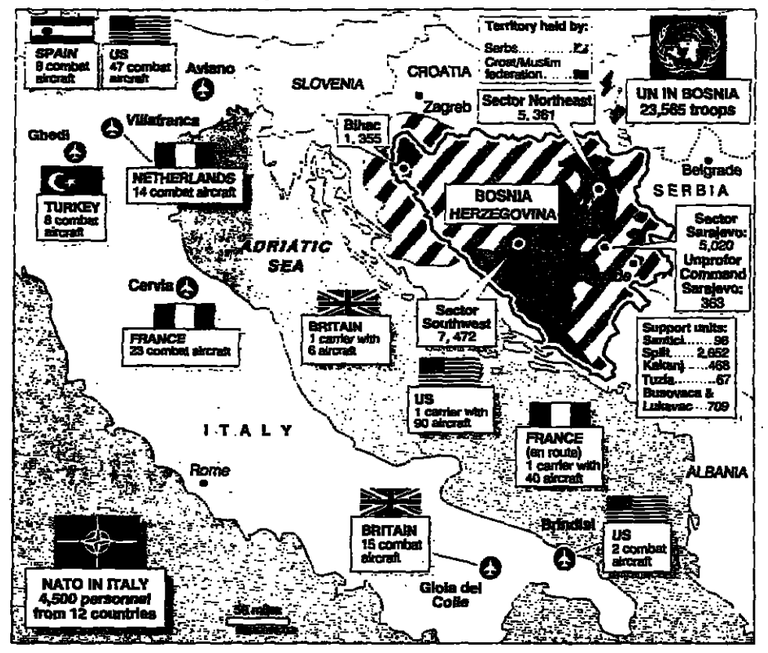
The weekly *Journal du Dimanche* said that the UN would "lose all credibility" if it withdrew its forces now. The seizure of the hostages must provide the "emotional trigger" for fresh international resolve, it said.

The view, widely reflected in public opinion, is echoed in M Chirac's determination to force an overall resolution to the conflict. The crisis is widely seen as a test of French honour and a baptismal trial for the new President.

France has for weeks been using the threat of withdrawal of its 4,000-strong contingent. It wants the UN to reinforce the UN Protection Force (Unprofor) in Bosnia, giving the troops the means to defend themselves. It also wants a new mandate redefining their duties, whether as suppliers of humanitarian aid or peace enforcers.

Hervé de Charette, the new Foreign Minister, said yesterday: "France believes Unprofor deployment must be reviewed, that UN troops must be given extra means to ensure their own safety ... and that the mission given by the Security Council must be modified."

Officials say France is preparing to step up the pressure by setting a deadline for withdrawal if the series of international councils this week fail to produce results.



☐ The Serbs enjoy superior firepower compared to the UN in Bosnia (Michael Evans writes). They have nearly 500 tanks, 800 artillery pieces, 60 multiple rocket systems and a huge supply of mortars. They also have anti-tank and anti-aircraft missiles. The British have Warrior fighting vehicles, with devastating 30mm cannon, mortars and anti-tank missiles. Other UN battalions have armoured combat vehicles and light tanks. But there are no attack helicopters, no main battle tanks and no artillery.

THE TIMES

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Russia holds back peace mediators in anger at Nato

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

RUSSIA appeared in no hurry to help the West out of its dangerous stand-off in Bosnia yesterday, after a high-ranking Russian delegation delayed its mission to mediate with the Bosnian Serbs.

John Major, President Clinton and Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, all contacted President Yeltsin by phone at the end of last week, asking the Kremlin to use its traditionally strong ties with the Serbs to persuade them to free United Nations hostages and back off from further confrontation with Nato. The request appeared to have worked when Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Prime Minister, announced on Saturday that Andrei Kozyrev, the Foreign Minister, and General Pavel Grachev, the Defence Minister, were being sent to the former Yugoslavia.

Mr Kozyrev, who has years of experience in Balkans diplomacy, and General Grachev, who is on first name terms with General Ratko Mladic, the Bosnian Serb commander, would certainly have a better chance of breaking the current deadlock than any Western envoys. However, both the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Defence Ministry in Moscow said yesterday that neither minister had yet made any travel plans.

The Russians would like to see an end to the explosive situation in Bosnia: 11 of its soldiers are held by the Serbs, though some Russian TV channels claim they have been freed. The Russians also have a contingent of 500 paratroopers near Sarajevo who would be particularly vulnerable if the situation deteriorates.

However, it now seems clear that the Kremlin wants a guarantee from Nato that it will no longer use its air power to intervene in the conflict. The Kremlin is angry that it was not consulted adequately before the latest Nato airstrikes, at a time when the alliance is trying to persuade Moscow to accept its Partnership for Peace programme, whereby non-Nato members play a consultative role in the organisation.

"Nato's decision-making with respect to Yugoslavia has shown that the alliance may well ignore the viewpoint of its 'strategic partner' — Russia," wrote Aleksandr Goltz, a columnist for *Krasnaya Zvezda*, the army newspaper. "Moscow's fears, that one day it might find itself in a situation where decisions involving its security will be made without it, are quite justified."



Chernomyrdin: named team to visit Serbs

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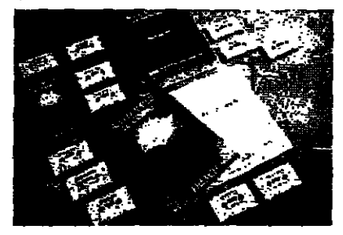
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THEATRE: Moe of the same; a tribute better heard than seen; surreal Strindberg

DONALD COOPER



(Back, left to right) Kendall, Williams, Pennycooke, Sharp and (front) Jenkins and Kent are alive and kicking as *Five Guys Named Moe* — plus one

Treading the familiar waters of the Jordan

Five Guys Named Moe
Albery

Well, here they are again: Big Moe, *Little Moe*, *Four-Eyed* Moe, Eat Moe and No Moe. A guy named Cameron Mackintosh put an end to their four-year run at the Lyric to make room for *Ain't Misbehavin'*, but has now yielded to popular demand, cut short the continental tour of this latest quintet of Moes, and brought the show back to the West End. Good news for the Theatre Royal, Stratford East, where the Moes began in 1990; and continuing good news for the Tricycle Theatre in Kilburn, where the misbehavin' began. Mackintosh has been a valuable friend to both.

I sort of liked the show, here and there. Maybe I shouldn't have eaten a brie sandwich on the way to the theatre. Better by far to have tucked into a hearty meal and drunk copiously, to start me off on the high that the show itself never really provided.

The five dance out of the radio that a sixth guy, Nomax, is glumly listening to in the small hours — cue for *Early in the Morning* — and frenetically take him in hand. Out with self-pity, tell your girl you love her; married life is bad and good, the single life is good and bad: Louis Jordan's songs will illustrate every mood you're in. The guys stride in unison, hop, twist, grin, point, sway, swing, and if you're caught by it, you'll be caught up high, clapping hands over your head and shouting "Yeah!" whenever.

At the end of the first half the Moes will lead you in a conga down the aisles, on to the stage and back again, *having a great time no doubt. I* found it just too much.

Out of the Jordan songbook Clarke Peters has chosen a couple of dozen hits and fitted them in a sequence that tells a simple story — out with self-pity, etc. Those that don't fit are lumped into a cabaret session, and it is here that Four-Eyed prances on, wearing a yellow beak and a fox's tail, to sing *Ain't Nobody Here but us Chickens* in a twittering falsetto, and pretty funny he is too. Of the other busy numbers I best enjoyed the minstrel burlesque of *Safe, Sane and Single*, where the guys sit in a line and make with the banjo and tambourine.

The five are Richard D. Sharp, Jason Pennycooke, Tee Jaye Jenkins, Trent Kendall and Faruma Williams; Monroe Kent III, miked differently from the rest, is Nomax. Charles Augins directs and choreographs, and I dare say it will go on giving pleasure to thousands.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Read under the bed

Real Writing
Riverside Studios, W6

THE Russian poet Anna Akhmatova is renowned for her suffering under Stalin: censored, spied on by neighbours, her son sent to Siberia. She was equally celebrated for her literary powers and her resistance. It was considered too dangerous to preserve her poems, so copies were memorised by friends and then burnt.

Unfortunately, Akhmatova seems to inspire less than thrilling dramatic tributes. Helene Cixous's *Black Sail, White Sail*, at the Gate last year, was biographically clumsy. Maureen Laurence's *Real Writing*, well directed by Corin Redgrave, is more successful. At least the story is focused on one intense friendship: that of Anna and Lydia, an admiring younger woman drawn to the writer as a kindred spirit after the arrest of her own husband.

Kate Buffery gives a fine performance as Lydia, dowdy but fraughtly determined. Kika Markham, apparently not discouraged by the Cixous experience, re-embodies Akhmatova. She combines bullying with possessive neediness, paranoia with supportive firmness. But she still looks suspiciously robust, given the poet's obsession with decrepitude.

Designer Sanja Jurca Avci has done wonders, opening out a central playing area normally half-consumed with seating. Here, warmly illuminated on one side of the darkness, is Akhmatova's flat. In the centre sits a cast iron stove, its pipe vanishing up through the ceiling. Lydia kneels by it, incinerating poems after learning them by heart. On the other side is the blood red wall of the prison, outside which the two often wait. However, quite what the couple are up to here is never clear.

Meanwhile, a little way off, Kathleen Byron, playing Lydia in her old age, turns the pages of her memoirs. Her inner voice, recalling her first enraptured teenage glimpse of Akhmatova, is heard as she reads, rather too adoringly. Ultimately, this slightly worthy play would not lose much from being relegated to the radio.

KATE BASSETT

Cube root of infinity

A Dream Play
Tramway, Glasgow

ALREADY past 50, Strindberg wrote to a friend as he was finishing this mysteriously profound, madly puzzling play, *Kate Bassett writes*. "Life", he observed, "becomes more and more dreamlike and inexplicable to me." Robert Lepage's production with Sweden's Royal Dramatic Theatre (plus English surtitles) makes startling sense of this extraordinary piece.

A Dream Play takes us through a logical sequence of times and places where characters curiously ramify or repeat. We follow the celestial Daughter of Indra on her journey through mankind's suffering, through realms at once real and dreamt, the action leaping from mythological ether to fairy-tale castle, from moral allegory to satires of married life.

Lepage manages to be richly suggestive and starkly simple. He encapsulates the universe in a spinning cube. It revolves like a planet, lost in the blackness of the Tramway's industrial shed. Maybe the Nordic gloom before lights-up was too deep, the audience groping for seats. But thereafter, sensitive to Strindberg's invocation of "the balance point of autumn" and his counterpointing of withering age with hopes of rejuvenation, Lepage juxtaposes faded greens and engulfing night with shafts of sunlight.

The cube metamorphoses with the fluidity of dreams. What was the Earth seen from space can become a poky living room where the Officer, one of the multiple characters whose dreams flow into each other, relives his parents' bickering marriage. The room is seen from a disturbed angle. The father thrusts his head through a doorway tilted so far backwards it's on its way to being an open grave. The Officer, changing from a boy to a man in a brilliant *trompe l'oeil*, crouches, watching, in a corner of the ceiling.

Lepage's actors defy gravity, walking the walls of this spinning universe then suddenly letting their bodyweight drag them down its slopes. That said, however good the acting and director's concept, this play needs cutting. The obscurity of Strindberg's lines drags after three hours.

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

LA BOHEME. Cynthia Haymon, Nancy Gustafson, Robert Alagna and Peter Coleman-Wright make up the quartet of Bohemian lovers in Puccini's masterpiece of turbulent love. Jan Latham-Koenig conducts. John Copley directs. **Royal Opera House**, Covent Garden, WC2 (0171-304 4000). Tonight, Wed, Fri and Sat, 7.30pm. ◙

IRAKERE: Chucho Valdez's dazzling big band arrives tonight for three weeks of Cuban music at its most electrifying. A near-perfect mix of showmanship and virtuosity, from jazzed-up Bach to a festive conga. **Ronnie Scott's**, Frith Street, W1 (0171-439 0747). Tonight-June 17, doors open 8.30pm.

ARCADIA. This week is your last chance to see Tom Stoppard's wonderfully witty comedy, part historical romance, part serious inquiry and literary detective story. It all adds up to marvellous theatre. Trevor Nunn directs. **Haymarket**, Haymarket (0171-930 8800). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm.

ELSEWHERE

BATH. The Bath International Music Festival continues with recitals today from Steven Isserlis and Pascal Devoyon, Anya Alexeyev, and the French jazz Sophia Domancich Trio. For samplings of what is on later in the week, look for more classical music from Isserlis, plus rising stars Joshua Bell and Tabea Zimmerman, the glorious choir The Sixteen, the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra and the Academy of St Martin in the Fields. Not to be missed either is the Birmingham Contemporary Music Group, plus jazz from tenor sax supremo Sonny Rollins, pianist Howard Riley and new sounds from South Africa with Zim Ngqawana. **Box Office** (01225 463362).

NOTTINGHAM. Final week of performances for Tennessee Williams's **Vieux Carré**, returning to the British stage after an absence of some 15 years. Steven Pimlott directs the sexually provocative and boldly autobiographical drama of life in the back streets of 1930s New Orleans: the falling-down household could be more disturbingly shaky but there are some excellent performances. Strong stuff. **Playhouse**, Wellington Circus (0115-941 9415). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm. ◙

LIVERPOOL. This week is your last chance to see the Tate's small but magnificent exhibition **Venus Re-Defined**: an exploration of the female nude as seen by sculptors at the beginning of this century. Matisse's series of four bronze Backs, on view outside London for the first time, form the centre-piece of the display, with works by Rodin, Renoir, Maillol, Lipchitz, Zadkine, Laurens and Archipenko. **Tate Gallery**, Albert Docks (0151-709 3223). Today-Sun, 10am-6pm. ◙

GLASGOW: Jenny Seagrove and Hayley Mills star in Richard Harris's latest, **Dead Guilty**. Auriol Smith directs the psychological thriller of strange events and guilty secrets swirling around a traumatised accident victim. Designs by Alexander McPherson. **King's**, Bath Street (0141-227 5511). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm and Sat, 3pm. ◙

LONDON GALLERIES

Design Museum: Frank Lloyd Wright in Chicago (0171-378 6055) **Hayward:** Landscapes of France (0171-928 3144) **National Gallery:** Gombrich on Shadows (0171-839 3321) **National Portrait Gallery:** Richard Avedon (0171-306 0055) **Serpentine:** Mark Wallinger (0171-402 6075) **Tate:** Turner in Germany (0171-887 8000) **V & A:** Prints of the Raphael Cartoons (0171-938 8500)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◙ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

☐ **AIN'T MISBEHAVIN'**: Exhilarating song 'n' dance show created from the hits of Fats Waller. Non-stop energy on feet.
Lyric, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5045). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

☐ **DESIGN FOR LIVING**: Rachel Weisz, Rupert Graves and Marcus D'Amico in Coward's *menage à trois* comedy. Sean Mathias's sexual rough and tumble award-winner.
Gielgud, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm. ◙

☐ **THE DUCHESS OF MALFI**: Juliet Stevenson and Simon Russell Beale in Webster's tragedy of incest, murder and the borderland of the mind.
Wyndhams, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1746). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

☐ **FIVE GUYS NAMED MOE**: The joint is jumping again now that Clarke Peters's celebrated musical has bounced back into the West End.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-369 1730). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri and Sat, 6pm and 8.45pm.

☐ **HARVEY**: Laid back performance by Gorden Kaye in very thin comedy about an invisible Rabbit. With Rue McClanahan.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (0171-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm. ◙

☐ **THE PLOUGH AND THE STARS**: O'Casey's tremendous tragi-comedy, in a justly acclaimed revival by Joe Dowling's all-Irish company.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-494 5510). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm.

☐ **RICHARD II**: Fiona Shaw makes a fascinating choice for the title role in Deborah Warner's production, the first at the National since 1972.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Now previewing, 7.15pm, opens June 2. ◙

☐ **RICHARD III**: For his first Shakespeare production, Brian Cox directs Jasper Britton in the title role. Pray for good weather.
Open Air, Regent's Park, NW1 (0171-486 2431). Now previewing, opens tomorrow, all at 8pm. Then May 31-June 10, 8pm; mat June 7, 2.30pm. In rep from June 12.

☐ **THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW**: The Undead pose and prance again. Brad, Jane, Frank N Furter and Riff-Raff back in the West End for the umpteenth time. Robin Cousins and Nicholas Parsons in the company.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-836 5122). Mon-Thurs, 8.15pm, Fri and Sat, 7pm and 9.30pm. ◙

☐ **THE SILVER TASSIE**: Sean O'Casey's fierce and haunting anti-war drama, not seen in London since 1969. Lynne Parker's production glows with fitful power.
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (0171-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. ◙

☐ **TRUE LINES**: Beautifully acted devised play of tragi-comic tone: four young Irish travellers, uneasy on four continents and looking for guidelines.
Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (0181-743 3388). Mon-Sat, 8pm.

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (0171-867 1044) .. ☐ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (0171-834 1317) .. ◙ **Cats**: New London (0171-405 0072) .. ☐ **Copacabana**: Prince of Wales (0171-839 5972) .. ☐ **Crazy for You**: Prince Edward (0171-734 8951) .. ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (0171-494 5070) ... ◙ **Grease**: Dominion (0171-416 6060) ... ☐ **In Praise of Love**: Apollo (0171-494 5070) ... ◙ **Indian Ink**: Aldwych (0171-416 6003) ☐ **Mama I Want to Sing**: Cambridge (0171-494 5080) .. ◙ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal (0171-494 5400) .. ☐ **My Night With Reg**: Criterion (0171-839 4488) .. ■ **Oliver!**: Palladium (0171-494 5020) ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (0171-494 5400) ... ☐ **She Loves Me**: Savoy (0171-836 8888) ... ◙ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (0171-828 8665) ... ◙ **Sunset Boulevard**: Adelphi (0171-344 0055)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ♦) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

ANGELS (U): A squad of angels help a baseball team. Unabashedly sentimental family film, with Danny Glover and Christopher Lloyd. William Dear directs. **MGM Trocadero** ◙ (0171-434 0031)

♦ **BYE BYE LOVE (12)**: Three divorced dads spend a fractious weekend with their kids. Facile comedy for male baby boomers, with Matthew Modine, Paul Reiser and Randy Quaid. Director, Sam Weisman.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01426 914098) **Plaza** ◙ (0800 888997) **UCI Whiteleys** ◙ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** ◙ (0171-437 4343)

ED WOOD (15): Tim Burton's wonderful biography of the bizarre man voted the world's worst film-maker. With Johnny Depp, and Martin Landau as Bela Lugosi.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **Gate** ◙ (0171-727 4043) **Lumiere** (0171-836 0691) **MGMs: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Richmond** (0181-332 0030) **Screen/Green** (0171-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** ◙ (0171-792 3332)

♦ **A FEAST AT MIDNIGHT (PG)**: Gauche but enjoyable goings-on at an English boarding school. With Freddie Findlay and Christopher Lee, director, Justin Hardy.
MGM Trocadero ◙ (0171-434 0031) **Plaza** (0800 888997)

THE MANGLER (18): Lame and silly horror film from a Stephen King story about a bloodthirsty laundry machine. With Robert Englund. Director, Tobe Hooper.
MGM Trocadero ◙ (0171-434 0031) **Plaza** (0800 888997) **Warner** ◙ (0171-437 4343)

♦ **RICHIE RICH (PG)**: Zillionaire offspring Macaulay Culkin comes to his parents' rescue. Dull, overblown comedy, with John Larroquette. Director, Donald Petrie.
MGMs: Fulham Road ◙ (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** ◙ (0171-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** ◙ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** ◙ (0171-437 4343)

THE SEXUAL LIFE OF THE BELGIANS (18): Funny, quirky sexual odyssey. First in an autobiographical trilogy from Belgium's cultural anarchist, Jan Bucquoy.
Metro (0171-437 0757) **MGM Piccadilly** (0171-437 3561)

CURRENT

BEFORE SUNRISE (15): Ethan Hawke and Julie Delpy walk and talk in Vienna. Risky, endearing film from *Slacker* director Richard Linklater.
Odeons: Kensington (01426 914666) **Mezzanine** ◙ (01426 915683)

♦ **BULLETS OVER BROADWAY (15)**: Diverting Woody Allen comedy set in New York's theatre world of the 1920s. With John Cusack, Chazz Palminteri, Dianne Wiest.
Barbican ◙ (0171-638 8891) **Chelsea** (0171-351 3742) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Odeons: Haymarket** (01426 915353) **Kensington** (01426 914666) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **Screen/Hill** ◙ (0171-435 3366)

♦ **CIRCLE OF FRIENDS (15)**: Adventures of three Irish girls in the 1950s. Highly conventional, slightly charming, with Minnie Driver and Chris O'Donnell.
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♦ **DON JUAN DEMARCO (15)**: Refreshing and quirky romantic fantasy about a man who thinks himself to be Don Juan. With Johnny Depp, Marlon Brando and Faye Dunaway.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Trocadero** ◙ (0171-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** ◙ (0171-727 6705) **Phoenix** (0181-883 2233) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** ◙ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** ◙ (0171-437 4343)

♦ **ONE HUNDRED AND ONE DALMATIANS (U)**: Disney's pleasant, witty cartoon version of Dodie Smith's book about endangered puppies.
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♦ **ROB ROY (15)**: Lavish but fusty epic, with Liam Neeson as the Scottish folk hero, Tim Roth heading the baddies and Jessica Lange. John Hurt and Brian Cox.
MGMs: Baker Street (0171-935 9772) **Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Leicester Square** (01426-915 683) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** ◙ (0171-792 3332)

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SCIENCE BRIEFING

Nigel Hawkes

WHEN an American scientist, Leonard Adleman, last year proposed a way of solving complex problems by using the genetic material DNA, most people who read his paper chuckled and passed on. It was brilliantly ingenious, but it didn't seem to have a future.

Now a lot of them are thinking again. Richard Lipton, a computer scientist from Princeton, has shown that a DNA computer could, in theory, solve some problems beyond the capacity of even the biggest current supercomputers.

With two of his students, he has even devised a way of cracking the uncrackable codes devised by the US National Security Agency. They haven't done it, but they believe it is possible.

The principle of DNA computers, originated by Dr Adleman at the University of Southern California, is simple enough, although the actual details are complex. DNA is a long molecule made up of four different bases, arranged in different orders to form the genetic code. A tremendous amount of information can be stored in this way, as is obvious if you think that every detail of every living organism is coded in DNA.

Suppose, then, that you use a stretch of DNA to code a number, or to represent some logical proposition. In Dr Adleman's case, he used it to solve the well-known "salesman's problem" — working out the shortest route to take to visit seven cities, calling at each one only once.

Stretches of DNA were used to represent the cities, and the roads linking them. They were then mixed, in a chemical process that linked them together. The "answer" to the problem was a single DNA molecule that linked all seven: Dr Adleman showed how this solution could be extracted from the DNA soup using established methods.

In this case, the problem was a simple one, and it took a week in the lab to solve it using the DNA computer. But the idea appealed to others, who argue that there are some problems beyond conventional computing which it may be able to solve. The reason is that the DNA offers a way of performing a huge number of calculations simultaneously.

A single flask could contain 100 billion billion strands of DNA, each encoding a string of data. The data could be manipulated in a variety of ways, using chemical reactions: combining strands, breaking them at specific points, extracting those with a particular sequence. And all these operations would be performed on all the strands at once.

This massive parallelism makes up for the slowness of chemical reactions when compared with the electronic signals of conventional computers. In Dr Lipton's code-breaking notion, every single possible "key" to the code is represented by a stretch of DNA, and then tested simultaneously. The process would consist of a series of extractions, copyings and other processing steps that would take months. But it would yield a single DNA strand representing the key.

"It's not practical at this time, but we could probably do it if there were a commercial reason for it," Dr Lipton told *Science*. Could this be the start of something big?

High hopes



WE could be on the verge of having telescopes powerful enough to detect the presence of planets around neighbouring stars, a group of American and French astronomers has worked out. But the planets would have to be massive ones, bigger than Jupiter.

It has long been assumed that neighbouring stars have their own planetary systems, just like our solar system. If there is intelligent life elsewhere in the universe, it will have to live on a planet, so unless we can find some, we will have to conclude we are all alone.

Until now, searches for planets have depended on indirect evidence, but actually seeing one would be far more persuasive. Dr Adam Burrows, of the University of Arizona, and colleagues, argue in *Nature* that many planets may be considerably brighter than Jupiter, usually the benchmark in such calculations.

They calculate the brightness of several hypothetical giant planets, and show that the next generation of telescopes, both terrestrial and space-based, would stand a good chance of spotting them. The best place to look, they say, would be around very young stars which are likely to have the most massive planets. With luck, they might then detect planets bigger than Jupiter, and lying farther away from their parent stars than Jupiter is from the Sun. Finding little green men will be harder.

Level looks



THE psychologists who delight in showing that we have a cock-eyed view of the world we live in can prove it with a test that requires you to draw the water level on to a drawing of a tilted container.

A remarkable number of people — more women than men, I regret to say — draw lines that diverge from the horizontal. Given the normal behaviour of water, just a moment's reflection would show that this is impossible.

Now the test has been tried on waitresses and bartenders, and they did even worse than the average — "to our knowledge, the only documented case in which performance declines with experience," write Heike Hecht and Dennis Proffitt, in *Psychological Science*.

Herr Hecht, a graduate student, got a job in Munich and took the opportunity of the Oktoberfest to test waitresses, bartenders, truck drivers, housewives, and female graduate students. Less than a third of the bar staff gave the correct answer, compared with more than half the truck drivers and housewives. The average error for waitresses was 27 degrees.

What can we conclude from this? It seems that people who spend their lives carrying glasses tilted an an angle become more rather than less inclined to see things from the point of view of the container rather than what it contains. They have, in the jargon, an "object-related" approach.

Graduate students, who of course never carry glasses, do much better in this test, by the way.

Does this bee contain the secret of life?

John Postgate on a microbial clue to an ultimate question

AMBERGENE



The insect which was preserved in amber: if it is true that the bacteria within it became dormant and revived again over millions of years, scientific rethinking will be needed

Professor Paul Cano and his colleague Monica Borucki, of the California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, have isolated live bacteria from a dead bee that had become entrapped in amber between 25 and 40 million years ago.

According to the exciting report in the American magazine *Science*, the bacteria, which had survived as dormant bodies called spores, belonged to a species called *Bacillus sphaericus*. Modern strains of that species are normal inhabitants of the guts of modern bees, so it is a plausible microbe to find in a dead bee. But does it follow that the microbe is as old as the bee?

Since the late 1920s there have been dozens of reports of bacteria being isolated from very ancient environments, the oldest sources being some 650 million years old. But the great majority have been viewed with reserve by microbiologists because the experiments did not rigidly exclude the possibility that the microbes found were actually modern. That mistake could have come about in two general ways.

The first is contamination of the sample. We live with, eat and breathe bacteria, mostly as spores. They are present in the air around us, in droplets of breath, on dust, on surfaces, in soil and water, on skin and hair — everywhere. Such microbes might have worked their way into the original material from outside, or might have been introduced as contaminants by some error in manipulation on the part of the scientist. Many of the earlier reports did not rigidly exclude such slip-ups, and the fact that the microbes found were usually types which are fairly common in the environment added to scientists' doubts.

But a couple of the more recent reports take care of this problem, and most microbiologists would now accept that bacterial spores exist that can survive for six to eight thousand years. As far as contamination is concerned, Cano and Borucki have been meticulously careful: they have shown convincingly that their *B sphaericus* strain came from inside that bee and nowhere else.

However, and this exemplifies the second trap, it does not follow that the spores which gave rise to their cultures were as old as the bee. When that bee died, the microbes inhabiting its corpse did not die: they multiplied. As the internal organs of the bee decayed and putrefied the microbes should have had a bonanza. In the case of *B sphaericus*, which needs oxygen to grow, they probably did not do well, because the air entrapped with the bee would soon be used up and they would stop multiplying. Then they would form spores. But other microbes, those able to do without air, would carry on until all the digestible parts of the bee were used up, when they, too, would start to die. The dead bacteria would rot, making more nutrients available to the survivors, which would multiply, but in due course die, and so on.

Generation would follow generation as the nutrients which constituted the bee were recycled, the total population declining gradually. This is what bacterial populations in isolated environments normally do, and the decline in the population can be halted if the environment is incompletely closed, ie, if fresh nutrients can diffuse in and reach the population. Again, earlier reports of ancient bacteria rarely took account of the possibility that the sample contained a live if declining microcosm.

Cano and Borucki did not address that criticism overtly. They tacitly assumed that amber would be impermeable, excluding both fresh nutrients and oxygen. They presumably realised that multiplication would have taken place but, isolated in the bee's amber coffin, it would have been over in days, or perhaps weeks — a negligible time compared with 25 to 40 million years.

But was the bee truly isolated? Amber is only a hardened gum, and gums, mastics, rubber and the like are not truly gas-tight, though they seem so for most everyday purposes. Could an infinitesimal trickle of oxygen have reached the microbial microcosm within the bee's corpse, permitting immensely slow and protracted multiplication of *B sphaericus*, such that today's few spores could be relatively modern descendants of the original population? It is not likely. Even making wildly favourable assumptions about the amount of water and organic matter available to the bee, the size of the initial population and so on, any microcosm would have run out of nutrient in a few tens of thousands of years. So, unless both extraneous organic matter and oxygen somehow crept into that amber tomb, perhaps through some microscopic fissure or fault, the parents of Cano and Borucki's cultures have to have been about as old as the bee.

> The problem is — are the spores as old as the insect?

It is a pity that they did not resolve this point. It is not simply hair-splitting, because if the spores were really as ancient as the bee, the implications are tremendous. Forget the publicity about possible new antibiotics etc from these microbes (these organisms are neither more nor less likely than any other new isolates to yield such goodies). Far more important is the implication that these organisms can package DNA in such a way that it is undamaged by the natural background radiation on this planet.

Normal DNA does not last even thousands of years. That is why the DNA which scientists have cloned from ancient material is always fragmented: their clones are not even whole genes, let alone strings of genes. Spores resist dehydration, heat, cold and disinfectants, but they are only marginally less sensitive to radiation damage than non-dormant bacteria: not nearly sufficiently to account for millions of years of longevity. Yet precedents for protection do exist in biochemistry: light would destroy the chlorophyll of plants were it not protected by carotenes, and "chaperonins" protect proteins from temperatures that would otherwise congeal them like hard-boiled egg. It is conceivable that certain spores protect their DNA in some such way.

If it is true that bacteria can become dormant and revive over millions of years, some rethinking will be needed. Microbial evolution, which scientists are just beginning to sort out, will become scrambled once more. More dramatically, would not such spores survive equally in outer space, their DNA further protected from cosmic rays by the near-absolute cold? Spore-forming bacilli related to *B sphaericus* are abundant in air.

Has this planet, aided by volcanic eruptions, atmospheric turbulence and, recently, jet aircraft, been spilling dormant bacterial spores into the solar system for a couple of billion years, to be swept up by the gravity of the Moon and inner planets? And, reversing that thought, could life on this planet be descended from alien spores?

Panspermia, the view that the seed of life is diffused throughout the universe, has been favoured by a minority of thinkers since the Greek Anaxagoras in 5th century BC. He, Arrhenius and Fred Hoyle may yet have the laugh on us doubters.

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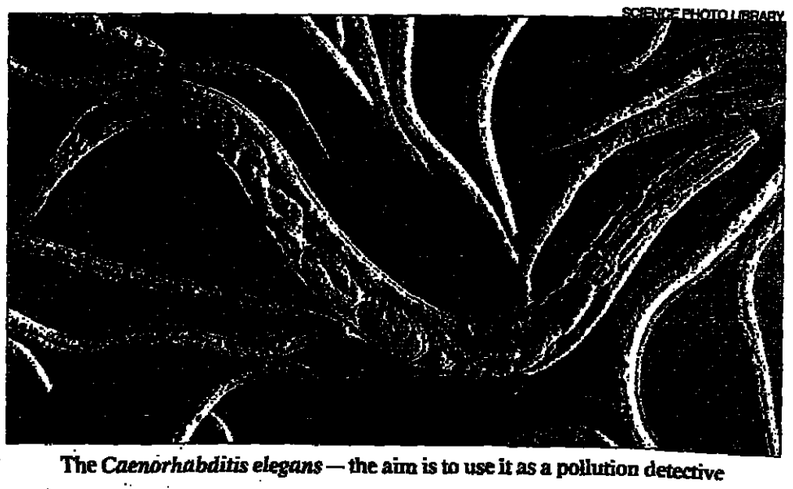
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YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO IGNORE IT.

The worm that turns blue when the water turns dirty

Nick Nuttall reports on a remarkable genetic development

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The *Caenorhabditis elegans* — the aim is to use it as a pollution detective

Wriggling around laboratories in the Midlands is a species of worm which, courtesy of genetic engineers, turns blue when washed over by chemicals, heavy metals or hazardous toxins.

The aim of the worms' creators is to make them a kind of biological litmus test for rapid detection of contaminated land, lakes, rivers and streams. They would be connected to a photo-sensitive device, which would relay an alarm back to the National Rivers Authority if a serious pollution incident had taken place.

The worms, a one-millimetre-long species of nematode called *Caenorhabditis elegans*, have been engineered by a team at Nottingham University's life sciences department, led by Dr David de Pomerai.

All organisms, from bacteria to human beings, react to stress caused by exposure to pollution, toxic chemicals or heat, by producing special stress proteins. Unfortunately these proteins are difficult to detect and measure in the laboratory, which is where the genetic engineering comes in. The scientists have inserted a gene from a bacterium and linked it with the worm's natural stress gene. When exposed to pollution a bacterial enzyme is made in the worm's cells that turns royal blue. The degree of blue is directly related to the level of pollution — and thus stress.

Dr de Pomerai and his team have just completed preliminary tests in Cornwall, near the Wheal Jane tinmine. In 1992 the mine spilled thousands of gallons of highly toxic wastes into the River Carnon, polluting 4,000 acres of oyster beds near the mouth of the Fal Estuary. Tests using mine water, water from the Carnon and clean streams near by, have shown that the genetically altered worms work, he said.

Traditional tests, which gauge the survival rate of water-living plankton, take up to 72 hours to work, by which time pollution may have been washed downstream. The worms give a result in a few hours and also grade the level of pollution by their colour change.

Dr de Pomerai says the worms could also be used to test new pesticides to gauge their toxicity. Indeed, a biological litmus test could be useful for screening a wide range of substances, from new food additives to drugs.

The work highlights the way in which organisms are being increasingly applied to help to police the water environment. For example, rainbow trout, housed in a tank and linked to electrodes, have been tested in the River Dee. The electrodes detect changes in the fishes' breathing patterns, which are caused by pollution.

Thames Water has been using elephant fish from Nigeria. These fish, which normally live in murky waters, communicate by electrical impulses. Pollution distresses the fish, causing them to increase the level of impulses. Freshwater zebra mussels open and shut their shells in response to pollution, a phenomenon which has been employed as a cheap biological pollution monitor.

Dr de Pomerai believes that the gene-altered nematode worms might best be deployed to test for very high concentrations of pollution, which they can usually withstand without dying. "Even so the water from within the Wheal Jane killed them off," he said.

Margaret Drabble's life of Angus Wilson is out, so now she can tidy her own

A writer's world in a biscuit tin

How Drabble's biographical labour of love has unearthed an extraordinary literary story


MARTIN BEDDALL

Margaret Drabble: like Wilson she loves to travel and lecture, and also like him is shocked to find students who don't know who Kipling was

THE VALERIE GROVE INTERVIEW



Margaret Drabble was once at a dinner at the Savoy, sitting next to the Tory Minister for the Arts. She told him conversationally that Arnold Bennett, whose biography she had written, had an omelette named after him at the Savoy. "Oh," said Richard Luce (for it was he), "is Arnold Bennett here tonight?"

We talked over coffee by candlelight at 10.30am, as there was a power cut in the Langham Hilton, and in this light Ms Drabble at 57 resembles her young self, a face made for a puritan's bonnet and a white collar. In the five years since her last novel she has produced her 650-page life of Sir Angus Wilson: an enthralling record of a 20th-century novelist's life in exhaustive detail — more difficult than Bennett, because she knew Wilson so well.

She describes a dinner party she gave, where Wilson turned angrily on Julian Mitchell, and an ugly scene developed. Drabble found Wilson banging his head against her fridge door in shame, and told him crossly that she had had quite enough of squabbles, having just had her aged parents to stay for Christmas. He wrote a blot letter the next day. "That was the only time I ever saw him lose his temper," she says, blaming her dining-room and the guests.

Years before "outing", Wilson and his lifelong partner, the handsome and charming Tony Garrett, appeared in a BBC film called *Couples*. They met in the British Museum Reading Room when Garrett was 16, and were together for 35 years. In their Suffolk cottage Garrett became Wilson's helpmeet, chauffeur, secretary, cook, host and, at the end, his saintly nurse. Drabble points out that if he'd been a widow, the Royal Literary Fund would have gone on paying Wilson's £5,000 pension to Garrett. Claire Tomalin wanted to make a case for it, Drabble says, "but Tony didn't want that".

For a top novelist, Wilson earned little. In 1976, she records with surprise, Wilson earned £11,287, compared with Arnold Wesker's £24,000. Drabble herself made £12,216 — a good year. "Wasn't that interesting? I thought Angus would have done twice as well as me. But although his books were praised, they sold only to a coterie of serious readers, a limited number."

When John Junor wrote contemptuously about Wilson's knighthood — "*should we send the happy* couple some silver spoons?" — many furious friends rallied and sent spoons. Eventually Wilson and Garrett left Thatcher's Britain with their dwindling funds and went to France, a bad idea. "But even when he became ill, Angus never seemed unhappy: he continued to enjoy food and loved having visitors."

An article by Rose Tremain, his former student at the University of East Anglia, revealing how nearly destitute he was, brought shoals of letters, an apology from Auberon Waugh for his cruel reviews, and a donation of £1,000 from a stranger, the comedian Victoria Wood.

On the day Margaret Thatcher resigned, Drabble arrived at the Suffolk nursing home where Wilson had come home to end his days. No longer was he immobile, confused. "She's gone!" he cried, staggering across the car-park to meet Drabble. "She's gone!" Drabble had no idea what he was talking about: she had been listening to Timothy West reading Trollope.

She has not yet met Tony Blair (surprisingly for a member of the June 20 group of anti-Thatcherite writers), but she had written to the Labour Party only the day before, to check on a phrase Kinnock had used: "Under the Tories don't get ill, don't be old and don't be poor."

In the 1980s, Drabble became politically galvanised by the contrast between public squalor and private wealth. She gave warning, in essays and pamphlets, of the spurious charm of unreal riches. "It is unserious money, fantasy money. It is a temporary fairyland, and we shall wake up when the North Sea oil runs out, sitting on our fingers and blowing on our hands to keep warm." One could not imagine her buying a lottery ticket. Higher taxation would make for a more harmonious nation, she argues, disdaining personal reward: "I think excellence and effort is its own reward. Like the view from the top of a mountain." Her schooldays at the Quaker Mount School, York (from where she took a starred First at Cambridge), bestowed a sense of duty and a dislike of extravagance. Her own children went to the local comprehensive, two of them going on to Oxford.

The biography of Wilson was a labour of love, and she has unearthed some odd tales. Wilson was one of six sons, the last three of whom were all gay (his brothers transvestite prostitutes), and his friends were legion. Drabble found the poet James Kirkup through a chance meeting with Moira Shearer at the opera: Kirkup still writes adoringly to Shearer from Andorra. Antonia Fraser gave Drabble her diary describing arriving at Wilson's cottage in the inferno-like heatwave of 1976, when she and Harold Pinter had sat up all the previous night in their London garden, because of the heat.

Their huge literary projects make it convenient for Drabble and her husband Michael Holroyd to keep separate houses in London. (Before her last trilogy of novels, 1981-91, she spent five years on the *Oxford Companion to English Literature*, while Holroyd toiled on Shaw.) Paperwork spills from every wardrobe in Holroyd's Notting Hill lair; Drabble has done a giant sort-out in Hampstead, and is sending her own archives to the British Library — "engagement diaries and old passports are a useful way to track your movements, so I've put them in two biscuit tins, to be stored in case I ever want to write my own life, or if anyone else does".

She used to retreat to the Station Hotel, Peterborough, to write in peace. Now they have a house in Somerset ("we are the people from Porlock") where she writes, like Shaw in his revolving summerhouse, in her garden shed. "But that is too lowly a word," she says. "It is beautiful, with the biggest desk I've ever had, and a wonderful view of the sea on three sides. So when you're stuck you just watch the water, and the birds. You get your exercise walking through the vegetable patch, and there's something heroic about going out in very bad weather in your raincoat."

I asked what happened after that winter night in Hampstead, when the Holroyds' car, buried under snow, was stolen. Holroyd had resourcefully rung the car-phone. To his astonishment it was answered. "Who are you?" demanded Holroyd. "I'm the thief that stole your motor!" came the reply. "And then I found I couldn't cancel the car-phone," Drabble says. "I said, 'But I haven't got it any more!' And they said, 'You've still got to go on paying your rental'. I haven't had a car-phone since."


PHILIPPE HALSMAN

Angus Wilson: he was unnerved by the arrival of young Malcolm Bradbury at Norwich

She makes the usual claim that writing is a solitary occupation, yet one sees flocks of gregarious writers at every party, and Wilson himself dissipated his energy for 30 years, addressing conferences and going off on foreign tours (Mexico, India) organised by the British Council. Drabble takes after him: Argentina, Vietnam ... She is currently travelling the country judging the Prudential Arts Awards: she was just off to see Eddie Izzard playing Edward II at Leicester. "Well, Angus just loved travelling and so do I. He hated saying no. He wanted to be a public-spirited person. He had no children to keep him at home. And you meet the kind of people you otherwise wouldn't. But it used to be more amusing before it all became author promotion. I love talking about The Novel Today; I don't so much enjoy saying 'Buy my book'."

What about students who, as Angus found when lecturing in America, don't know who Kipling was? "Yes, more and more you have to explain the most basic things. But that's quite good for one, you realise how much you take for granted. When Doris Lessing and Michael and I went to China, it was tricky: they knew Shaw, because Shaw had been in China, but they'd never heard of Martin Amis."

It becomes clear in her book that Wilson deliberately diversified his activities in the face of fading fame. He was unnerved by the arrival of young Malcolm Bradbury at Norwich — "It was upsetting to hear Malcolm talking about deconstruction and Derrida, about which he neither knew nor cared" — and his last novels had none of the impact of his early work.

"But it always happens. Time and fame are remorseless," says Drabble. "Sometimes I feel I'm going uphill, there's a whole generation who would enjoy his work if they knew it was there, in print, in Penguin.

"Every life ends sadly: this is the basic truth about writing biography. They get old, and ill, and they die. So all biography has a dying fall. Arnold Bennett died of typhoid after drinking a carafe of water in Paris. But the fascination is in the search."

A fine and concrete solution

Sometimes we all feel like parking our work outside the front door



LIBBY PURVES

I hate to spoil the mellow Bank Holiday atmosphere, but really I must confess to a sneaking sympathy for Mr Nigel Lambert, the demon lorry-dumper of Leybourne. In the annals of modern divorce his name will live on as the man who said it with four concrete-pumping lorries and a Nissan truck.

These, he explains, represent his wealth: his company. Mrs Lambert had wanted a better share of it than he felt he could offer. "She and her solicitors are looking for money they think exists, but it doesn't," he said. "I am lucky if I break even." Her solicitor persisted. So, with one last flourish, Mr Lambert handed over the whole business; but raw, rather than processed into nice tidy cheques.

As a final gesture before they signed on the dole, he had his drivers dump the five giant vehicles right in front of Mrs Lambert's tastefully secluded Kentish executive home.

Enter the police, with parking tickets; the neighbours, alternately outraged and giggling at this desecration of prim commuterland; the council, worrying about the carriageway; and the photographers, snapping away and hoping that theirs would be the paper to come up with the immortal headline *Whose lorry now?* Mrs Lambert says: "This is all stupid. I have had enough."

Every picture tells a story: she, sporting long bobble earrings and the kind of hairdo that so annoys Germaine Greer; he looking a bit of a rough diamond; the neat row of executive homes and the lorries in green-and-yellow livery. A small company ruined, a family fragmented; sad stuff, but let other pens dwell on guilt and misery, and the courts work out who is most unreasonable. Eclipsing it all is the gesture itself: glorious and strangely universal.

It is universal because the dumping of the smoky, heavy, smelly lorries in the tidy village estate represents an intrusion which a lot of breadwinners — male and female — would secretly like to make on their dependants. The trucks represent a crude, dieselly blast of reality from the world which makes money: a blast calculated to dismay and insult the more refined world (frequently in bobble earrings) which spends it.

The lorries say to the ex-wife and the world: "Look, money is not something you make elegantly. Money comes from heavy plant, and roaring engines, and concrete dust, and the sweat and worry of breakdowns and rotas and deadlines and penalty payments. You want money? OK, then, here are some big lorries. *You* make some money out of them, like I had to."

Everyone who works hard and passes on the money, whether to spouse or children, feels this way at times. Surgeons probably look at their socialite wives' latest set of ruched blinds and long to say: "Do you know how many bladder operations I had to do to pay for those?" Rumpole of the Bailey constantly laments his "nice little refreshers" being squandered on scouring-powder by a houseproud wife. The manageresses of launderettes may be pleased to buy their children computer games, but wish that the children realised how many smelly service-washes, how many alien socks and underpants, were handled to pay for each electronic cartridge.

Even the physically cleaner professionals get flashes of the same feeling: a PR fixer whose family want a swimming-pool may be tempted to throw a Filofax at them, saying: "Here are the contacts, here are the clients — that's all I have to do it with. If you want a swimming pool, then you hustle for it." A columnist may shriek at her children: "You left your bike out all night! *Do you know how many off-the-cuff opinions that bike represents?*"

The Lambert technique could catch on, with disaffected breadwinners rudely thrusting the raw material of their wealth at over-demanding families. Heaps of coal and corn and hardcore and organic fertiliser, Legal Aid clients, patients, lorries — all dumped defiantly on the doorsteps of the houses they so painstakingly paid for.

From now on, anybody married to a maggot-farmer, tanner or slaughterman should be very, very careful not to get too shrill in their demands. And I like to think that the next divorce of a West End theatrical entrepreneur will be marked by the arrival on the ex's doorstep of the entire chorus, ringing the bell and pouting crossly: "Boss says we're to work out the rest of our contract for you. What's the show?"



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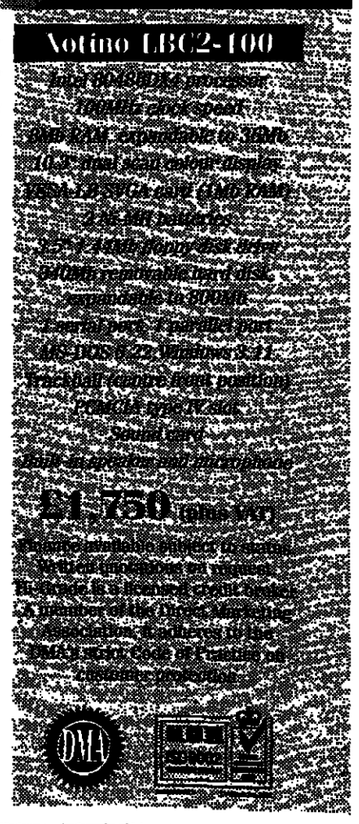
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■ The true scandals of our time have not been personal peccadilloes, but great public blights

It is drizzling on Skye, but no less beautiful for that. Rain and pale sun sweep in curtains across the islands.

I arrived in the Highlands yesterday, on what was to have been the last sleeper train to Fort William. The service has been reprieved but it cannot be for long. Such a train is a comfortable means of travel but clearly hopelessly uneconomic and pretty marginal to the huge tourist industry of the Highlands and Islands: just a nice way for a few toffs to get from London and back: a London issue, really, not a Highland one.

Perhaps it is impertinent for the rest of us to suggest what ought to be Highland issues, but sometimes outsiders notice things to which those who live with them have become blind. One such is plain: Scotland, like Ireland, is making an awful mess of its countryside. I imagine that for the past 30 years or so, North-west Scotland has had building controls, but it certainly does not look like it. Fragile landscapes are gashed by geometrical lines of public housing, littered with breeze-block private bungalows scattered across the hills like packing cases dropped from a bus, and scarred by the march of grey pipes and pylons. The broken greenery of Kent and Hampshire can take a lot of this and digest it, but the empty, washed pastels and treeless sweep of Northern Britain cannot; yet they seem less careful here about planning controls than we are in the Home Counties.

> Let's turn the spotlight on the perpetrators of these offences against the spirit

The view over Portree, a not unpleasing harbour town in Skye, is now utterly ruined by one great standing insult to its inhabitants and their visitors. Portree High School squats on the hillside behind the town: a big, long, low Seventies-style barrack block of a building in flat grey concrete, absolutely unredeemed by modesty, warmth, or any kind of grace. It is neither respectful of its local architectural heritage nor interesting or brave or hopeful with any kind of futurism. It is just ugly, brutal: a sort of bureaucratic male fist in the face of the whole town.

And I am sitting here in the pleasant little Kings Harbour Hotel — a white, three-storey town house that does no harm to anyone but doubtless suffers the daily attentions of the local government army, with its fire inspectors and their infernal fire doors — growing more and more angry that those very bureaucrats can get away with throwing lumps of concrete abuse like Portree High School at the public, and giving themselves planning permission to do so.

I suppose I shall return to London to find the media fixated in horror and indignation by another "political scandal". Which will be the latest minister of whom it is said that ten years ago he did or didn't enjoy a weekend in Paris? Which parliamentary private secretary will be next to find some old or new romance the subject of an in-depth investigation in a Sunday newspaper? I can hardly wait. I yield to nobody, I am sure, in my dismay at the discovery that MPs are human. The shock is immense. The plea by these reprobates that their mistakes remain private is of course outrageous. If someone does wrong, he deserves censure, surely?

But somebody designed that school in Portree. And someone recommended to a planning committee that the plans be passed. And somebody passed the plans. And Portree High School is a bigger sin than a whole generation of Tory ministers' private peccadilloes combined can approach.

Why don't we offer probing journalists a new target for their investigations, and their readers a new target for moral outrage? This high school is hurting people. It has lowered a million spirits. It has spoilt a whole town. It has wrecked many tourists' early view of Skye. What hope does any youngster passing through these concrete portals every day for his education have of retaining any sense of standards in architectural life? Why, then, is it not of media interest to track down the man or men responsible, and hound them out of public life — or, if in retirement, drag them back into the limelight, like war criminals in the autumn of their years, and make examples of them?

Let us camp on their lawns, doorstep their wives and harass their children. Let us demand to hear their side of the story — how they were "only obeying orders" or how "it seemed normal by the standards of the time" — and jeer at them. Let us photograph them at dawn, surprised in their dressing gowns at the doors of their "£200,000 luxury homes" towards which the public purse has contributed over their careers. Let us show them photographs of what they have done: confront them with the evidence, ask them if they have no remorse, and ask them why.

All over Britain — at the DoE towers, in Marsham Street, at Hungerford Bridge by Charing Cross, at a thousand 1950s and '60s post offices, and here at Portree High School — stand monuments to the brutality, indifference and spiritual corruption of people in public life. This, truly, is wickedness. And we sit at Westminster, tut-tutting about knickers, mistresses and weekends at the Ritz.

Modern communications mean the rich will decline to pay for the old-style welfare state

You can't tax those you can't catch

William Rees-Mogg

The next President of the United States and the next Prime Minister of Britain — conceivably Newt Gingrich and Tony Blair — are likely to have to wind up the welfare state: I suspect that both of them may know it, though only Newt Gingrich can say it. The modern bargain between welfare and taxation had reached its limit in the second half of the 20th century, and cannot survive in its present form. To wish to preserve the mid-20th-century welfare state into the 21st century is about as realistic as calling for the return of the Holy Roman Empire.

If one wants to see this process of decline most clearly, one should go to the United States, where all the forces which are undermining the welfare state system are most advanced. There is a striking statistic in a new American book, *The Retirement Myth* by Craig Karpel. He states that 65 per cent of Americans have zero savings for retirement; even those with some savings have inadequate funds to maintain a standard of living comparable to that of their active life. Nor can they afford the high costs of healthcare for themselves. There are growing numbers of "dumps" — Destitute Unemployed Mature Professionals — who at one time enjoyed a much higher standard of living.

This suggests that even greater burdens could be thrown onto the State, and that the welfare state could actually have to expand in order to meet an escalating need. Yet this will be impossible. All the existing advanced countries, the United States, Europe and Japan, have growing numbers of retired people relative to their working populations. When the baby-boomers start to retire, in about 2005, they will become the retirement boomers. They have not had enough children to replace themselves, either in America, in Europe or in Japan.

The advanced countries are now increasingly having to compete with the very low labour costs of Asia. Whether one taxes income or expenditure, wages are the heart of the tax base. At present, German and Japanese labour costs are about 200 times those of China; Britain and the United States are on a lower multiple, but still well over a hundred. As these labour costs are reduced, the taxes that can be raised from them will also fall. There will be fewer wage-earners in the next century in the welfare state countries, and they will be paid less.

The information age has already produced a global shift in opportunity, as did the first Industrial Revolution. A relatively small group of people have the brains and education to take full advantage of the new age: they are becoming steadily richer. Opportunities for the unskilled are declining. This shift of income and wealth has already made the United States, where the process has gone furthest, the nation with the largest differentials of income.

The top 1 per cent of American taxpayers pay a quarter of US income tax, and the top 5 per cent pay half. The information age is international. More than half of this top 5 per cent of American taxpayers could earn their incomes in any part of the globe given access to a telephone, a fax machine and the Internet. That is why the Clinton Administration has panicked at the idea that Americans might give up their citizenships and their tax responsibilities. The US claims the right to tax its citizens worldwide, and cannot afford to lose the revenue from its highest earners.

Classic tax theories suggest that taxation can be levied only on people who are inside a country's jurisdiction and on transactions which can be captured by the taxing authority. The information age has already made it possible for many people to work in a jurisdiction of their choice. I am, in fact, writing this article in Somerset, after three recent visits to the United States to gather some of the facts, but I could equally conveniently be writing it in Bermuda or Hong Kong. Yet the information age is also rapidly shifting to take transactions as well as people outside national jurisdictions.

Some 24 million Americans are now connected to the Internet, more than 10 per cent of the working population. That has increased from about 1 per cent three years ago. The Internet's character is also beginning to change. Three years ago it could be regarded simply as an information system, as something like a giant reference library. Now it is moving into a transactional stage, which makes it more resemble a giant market. As the 10 per cent of Americans who are already connected to the Internet, or to other electronic communications networks, probably control more than 80 per cent of America's liquid capital, the move from information retrieval to transactions will be immensely important. The Internet, with the other electronic systems, will become the main marketplace of the world, on which an absolute majority of the larger business transactions may well be done.

Already it has been shown how hard it is to protect copyright on the Internet. Scientific journals published on the net have virtually no protection. Far more dramatic is the question whether one can protect tax. For instance, a new facility, still in an early stage of development, is Internet gambling. Belize has registered a mutual betting system which operates on a 2 per cent take for the managers. Most countries have betting taxes, and many have national lotteries which take up to 50 per cent of the money. Tax authorities cannot record Internet bets; if they cannot record them, they will not be able to tax them, except on a purely voluntary basis. Encription will make Internet even harder to police, though in practical terms it has already proved impossible, since even the sender does not know which of millions of possible channels his message will pass through.

The welfare state will, therefore, break up, not because right-wing politicians want it to, but because it is entering a period in which the demands will increase and the resources will diminish. There will be fewer people of working age to support it. The tax base of the welfare countries will be shrinking rapidly, partly because high earners will tend to move to the most favourable tax jurisdictions, and partly because encripted transactions cannot be detected in cyberspace.

All of this is happening extraordinarily fast, particularly the revolution in communications. The number of people connected to the Internet has been doubling every year. The services offered have also been at least doubling annually. This could mean that the global size and use of the network has been growing fourfold in a year. Its use could therefore grow by 16 times in two years, and more than a thousand times in as little as five years. Politicians will have to learn that the tax-base, like copyright, tends to disappear in cyberspace, and cannot be recaptured.

At a meeting in Maryland last week, I was discussing the size of the American tax-base when the electronic systems are fully mature. Everyone in the group regarded the Group of Seven's tax take of 40-50 per cent of GDP as out of the question. The least well informed member of the group, myself, suggested the possibility of Hong Kong's 20 per cent. Those who knew more doubted whether the taxing potential at the end of the first quarter of the 21st century would even be above the 10 per cent which was the 19th-century average. Either way, the tax-and-spend bargain of the welfare state would be impossible. It could also be rather hard for 21st-century governments to finance a world war.

When ministers must decide

Peter Riddell says that regulators cannot take the place of politicians



Norman Fowler was widely ridiculed when he called his memoirs *Ministers Decide*. That is the last thing many do, as civil servants complain. Not only do ministers, from the highest down, often prevaricate, but they also like pushing decisions off onto someone else. Since the late 1980s, there has been an epidemic of buck-passing to the new breed of regulators. This has changed the constitutional balance in a way scarcely appreciated. Only the most confident ministers are now prepared to second-guess regulators, as both Kenneth Clarke and Michael Heseltine have done this month.

The new regulators have been created specifically to shift responsibility away from ministers. Going under ugly acronyms like Offer or Ofwat, they are now responsible for wide swaths of British life. The regulators of the privatised utilities alone cover one-fifth of the economy. Sir Iain Vallance of BT has complained that the regulator is "legislator, prosecutor, judge, jury and executioner", exercising more power than the Prime Minister.

But there are now regulators for many other areas. In education, Ofsted is responsible for inspecting schools. There is even a lotteries regulator, Oflot, who is supposed to supervise the operations of the National Lottery. And last week's White Paper on media ownership talked about creating a media regulator, leaving open whether a new body should be created, or the powers should be shared by the existing competition regulators, like the Office of Fair Trading, together with the Independent Television Commission and the Radio Authority. And there are a multitude of financial and City regulators.

The common thread is the attempt to take the politics out of government decisions — to show that ministers are not interfering day by day. This exercise in self-restraint is an illusion. Stephen Littlechild is no less an agent of the State when he sets price limits for electricity companies than Mr Heseltine would be.

But this system has been vital for the successful flotation of the privatised utilities. Financial institutions would not have bought their shares if they had believed that Whitehall would continue to intervene over prices and investment. But most utilities have largely remained monopolies, at least for household consumers, so regulation has been necessary to prevent abuse of market positions. This has been achieved by a classic British compromise, a fixed price cap which encourages companies to raise profit margins by becoming more efficient. After a set period, usually five years, the regulator then adjusts the formula, usually by tightening the price control and so passing on future benefits of efficiency improvements to consumers.

This system puts a big burden on the regulators, since they have wide powers of discretion. Professor Littlechild, for example, has interpreted his brief as being primarily to boost competition. His decisions have had a huge effect on accelerating the rundown of the coal industry and the rapid expansion of gas production, as well as on electricity generation and distribution.

The regulators are constitutional hybrids, in theory accountable via ministers to Parliament, but in practice largely freestanding. Few MPs have any interest in regulation. Ian Byatt, the water regulator, has only once appeared before a Commons select committee in five years. Most ministers are happy to delegate tricky decisions to the regulator.

But the system is unsatisfactory. It depends too much on the individuals concerned, as Clare Spottiswoode, the gas regulator, has admitted. And when regulators take controversial decisions, as Professor Littlechild did a couple of months ago in reopening his price review of last August, the impact can be vast. Share prices tumbled. Yet he is not accountable for his decisions. Jack Cunningham, Labour's trade and industry spokesman, has made proposals to strengthen accountability and transparency, while replacing the current highly personalised approach with small regulatory panels.

There are still, however, inherent uncertainties about what should be decided by regulators and what by ministers. The strong belief that the former are somehow better lies behind the campaign for an independent Bank of England. But even if making the Bank responsible for monetary policy produces lower inflation, decisions on interest rates obviously have far-reaching political implications for the government of the day. That is why Mr Clarke has been willing only to give the Bank a more independent voice, rather than control, over monetary policy. That increases the risks, as Mr Clarke showed three weeks ago when he overruled Eddie George's advice to raise interest rates. So far, developments in currency markets and the economic statistics have gone in his favour. But the markets now have doubts about the credibility of the Government's inflation policy. The buck is still with the Chancellor. Labour at present proposes to go only slightly further, hinting at giving the Bank greater operational freedom within inflation and financial targets still set by the Government.

Similarly, last Tuesday, Mr Heseltine took the rare step of overruling a majority recommendation of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, for the first time in eight years, when he allowed GEC to bid for VSEL, the Barrow-based builder of nuclear submarines. This has raised further questions not only about Mr Heseltine's commitment to promoting competition, but also about the way decisions are taken.

Most ministers are content to shuffle off responsibility to regulators and to pretend that the decisions are therefore not political. Regulators are crucial intermediaries — especially in a world where politicians are distrusted — but they cannot be left to their own devices. Mr Heseltine believes, like Mr Clarke, that on some issues ministers have to overrule regulators. Some decisions are unavoidably political, and for better or worse politicians must take a view. Ministers do have to decide, and accept the consequences.

Off the rails

WHAT WITH "ghost" trains, dirty tricks and fantasy accounting, the great debate over the West Highland sleeper service is descending into farce. The latest bend in the track is ScotRail's decision that from tomorrow the remaining train drivers on the threatened line should spend much of their time not in engine cabs but in taxi-cabs.

Rather than leave drivers who complete the run to sit waiting — and earning overtime — at Fort William for a returning train, the railway company is ordering them to take taxis for the 106-mile journey over the moors back to Glasgow. Each journey is likely to clock up £110 on the meter.

As Edinburgh's Court of Session decides on Thursday whether to reprieve the "Deerstalker Express", ScotRail's latest move has exasperated the line's fans, who seem to include half the House of Lords.

"I'm amazed," says Inverness-shire landowner Lord Rankeillour, whose ancestors helped to build the railway in the middle of last century. "This business of cabbing people back is ludicrous. They should just go back on another train." Less surprised is the former Defence Minister Alan Clark. "That is just what I would expect from them. It has gone far beyond a matter of economics. It is a matter of not losing face."

As a regular user of the line, Clark described such an attitude as characteristic of "dud management": "They will do anything to show their decision is correct. They don't realise how ridiculous it makes them look."

Heckles rise

ONE OF the more unusual characters on the comedy circuit at the moment is a Dutch comedian by the name of Raoul Heertje. Fortunately for British punters, his show is in English. Audiences have been more baffled by the heckling.

At the Oxford Comedy Stage the other day there was some quite serious barracking — in Dutch. A gentleman of advancing years stood up in the middle of a routine about Britain no longer being the superpower it thought it was.

"The problem was that nobody understood what he was saying, so the effect was somewhat diminished," says one non-Dutch-speaker. "Eventually Heertje started translating the heckles and the old boy soon sat down. It seemed the heckler was agreeing with what he was saying. But we wouldn't know."

Backwardsman

AS John Godfrey contemplates his political future after his disastrous showing in the Perth and Kinross by-election, he may care to remember the fate of another Scottish Tory who came third in a by-election, in 1978.

Before inheriting the Earldom of Dundee (his other titles include Viscount Dudhope), this aristocratic young chap unwisely stood for the working-class seat of Hamilton, where he polled a mere 4,818 votes. Nor did the poor chap win over the press pack during his campaign. At the end, one exasperated hack inquired: "Sir, is there *anything* you can do?"

"Certainly," retorted the Old Etonian in high dudgeon. "I can spell my name backwards." And he promptly proceeded to do so: "R-U-O-E-G-M-Y-R-C-S D-R-O-L."



Glenys Kinnock: VIP perks

● *Despite being well ensconced in first class on the Euro gravy train, Glenys Kinnock still counts the pennies. When Cardiff International Airport was sold off for £37.6 million to property developers TBI in April, one of the first callers was the Welsh MEP, fearful she might now have to pay for parking her car there. Momentarily taken aback by her call, the astute executive swiftly promised her "free, secure VIP car parking".*

Encore

ALARMS sounded in Ditchling, Sussex, on Saturday night when the local celebrity, Dame Vera Lynn, was guest of honour at a slightly belated VE celebration concert on the village green — but did not sing. Had she finally retired at the age of 78?

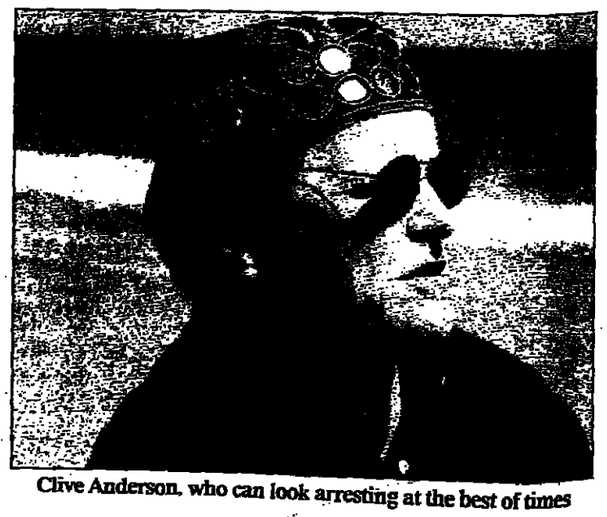
"She *retired* in 1946 when our daughter was born," declares Harry Lewis, her husband and agent. "Since then she's done 47 Burma Star reunions alone."

Surrounded by sacks of letters from well-wishers across the globe, he added: "Sometimes I say, 'This time you must give it up because it puts a lot of strain on you.' Then another special request comes along..."

Call our man

A MORE DRAMATIC than usual programme can be expected in Clive Anderson's next series *Our Man in...* While filming at the weekend in the Nigerian capital of Lagos, Anderson and his BBC-TV crew were arrested by the police.

After two hours of questioning about their papers, Anderson sought the help of the British Consul, who helped to secure their release. The series production manager, Jenny Zamit, reports: "It was very frightening. Now they are all sleeping off a very weary day."



Clive Anderson, who can look arresting at the best of times

● *Lady Archer has turned her energy-efficient eye upon her novelist husband Jeffrey's workplace, declaring the Palace of Westminster to be an "absolute nightmare" to heat efficiently. "One problem is that the doors are always left open," she says in the current issue of* Building *magazine. "However, some people would say there is plenty of hot air generated..."*

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CONFRONTING TERROR

Britain must stand up to the kidnappers in Bosnia

The capture and humiliation of United Nations troops, including more than 30 Britons, by the Bosnian Serbs is an outrage. Pictures of men chained to posts and hangar doors, interviews recorded under duress, the sight of UN soldiers pushed around by masked gunmen, rival in cynicism and barbarity anything attempted by Saddam Hussein. Setting deadlines and bargaining with the lives of hostages is as despicable as it is brutal. The escalation of the war by Bosnian Serbs, rightly described by UN spokesmen as terrorists, has brought to a halt the international humanitarian operation and paralysed the United Nations. It must not be allowed to paralyse Britain's determination to liberate its hostages, defend its troops and carry out its mission in Bosnia with vigour, honour and grit.

In its paranoia, the Bosnian Serb leadership now brands as enemies all those sent to save the women, children and old people who for three years have been starving and dying under the shells and mortars raining down on Sarajevo, Tuzla and other so-called UN safe havens. By seizing men from different national contingents General Mladic and his gunmen hope to cause consternation in New York and all the foreign capitals where efforts are under way to halt bloodshed. In this, he has succeeded.

All the contradictions of the UN operation have been laid bare. Diplomats, in a flurry of crisis meetings, are floundering. The Contact Group is as devoid of new ideas as the Owen-Stoltenberg negotiating team, still limping in the background. International peacekeeping has been shown to be incompatible with a full-scale civil war, and all the nations contributing troops to former Yugoslavia have miscalculated the scale of the combatants' ferocity, duplicity and indifference to the suffering of their enemies.

General Mladic's use of human shields halted a planned third Nato airstrike, and has forced a reassessment of the use of air power. But if he is hoping that threats of random execution — the tactics of aircraft hijackers — would sow dissension in UN ranks and bolster calls for an early withdrawal, he is wrong. Both Britain and France, the principal troop contributors, insist they will not give in to blackmail. Jacques Chirac voiced doubts during the election campaign on continuing such a thankless operation; no newly elected President is about to order his troops home, beaten and humiliated. The French are angry. They have lost men targeted by snipers. They are in one of the most exposed theatres of the war. They are demanding a change of UN mandate and a change of tactics, and can count on British support.

In planning its response, the Government must bear three things in mind. First, withdrawal in the present circumstances is impossible — the troops in Gorazde are trapped. Without a properly equipped evacuation force on the ground, a military confrontation with the Serbs, or with any of the other combatants who might oppose withdrawal, would be absurd. Secondly, this crisis, though the most serious, is not the first to beset the ill-defined UN operation. The confrontations over the no-fly zones, the impounding of heavy weapons around Sarajevo, the periodic seizure of UN personnel and the angry recriminations between Contact Group members have all threatened to drag the outside world into the quagmire. No government, however, has an electoral mandate to go beyond the present humanitarian operation, however much the American Congress and the Muslim side urge a partisan military response. Thirdly, diplomacy must continue as long as the UN forces remain. Not only is the credibility of the UN itself and Nato at stake; large parts of Bosnia, at present peaceful, are only spared an all-out war because of the international presence.

The immediate need therefore is to give the UN force greater protection. Troops should be given more arms, greater discretion and a clearer mandate. The rules of engagement must be revised. No new UN resolution is needed: the old phrase "all necessary means" should mean precisely that: a robust military response to any attack. Britain should immediately undertake practical and symbolic moves to bolster its troops' security. Light artillery could be rushed to central Bosnia. A pro-active stance could send out a clear signal to all sides. Britain, like other Western allies, will not risk its men's lives in an internecine tribal feud. But nor will it be driven from its international responsibilities by terrorism. That message must be forced through, even into narrow Balkan minds.

CHURCH MANAGEMENT

The clergy must learn the workings of Mammon as well as God

The news that the Church of England is employing headhunters to choose its chief headhunter will be welcome to all those who pray that this rather ramshackle organisation can improve the way in which it is run. Two lay monks, Anthony Saxton and Stephen Bampfylde, who run one of Britain's top ten headhunting firms, are to give their services free to the Church in order to find a suitable replacement for the retiring archbishops' appointments secretary. They will also help to introduce innovative management techniques for the training of clergy.

The appointment of one man or woman may sound relatively trivial. Yet the candidate who wins will lead the hunt for new bishops and archbishops, probably having more influence than anyone else on the efficiency of the Church. The organisation is highly devolved: bishops have the authority to do what they like in their own dioceses. And at least a quarter of the 43 diocesan bishops are due to retire before the end of the century. So the choice of the right people to fill these shoes will be immensely important to the future good workings of the Church.

Even at the top, the Church has been beset by bad management, particularly of its money. The Church Commissioners lost a staggering £800 million between 1989 and 1991, mainly through irresponsible property investments financed by borrowing. The Church's capital base may soon be less than half of what it was in the 1980s. According to a Commons select committee report, such incompetence has "in all likelihood done more than any other single act to destroy the parish system of the national Church".

The example set to parish priests and their superiors is not encouraging. But nor have the bishops themselves been blameless. Lincoln Cathedral is still suffering from a disastrous venture in 1988, when its copy of Magna Carta was taken to Australia, supposedly to raise money. The exhibition won donations of less than £1,000 and cost the cathedral £56,000. The ecclesiastical authorities were powerless to intervene.

When one of the canons involved eventually resigned, it was with some bitterness. The Ven Christopher Laurence wrote nostalgically in the cathedral chapter newsletter of "the days before the Church, along with all the secular institutions, fell down to worship before the altar of the great god Management. Nowadays, it seems, we clergy are held to fall short when we fail to exhibit the appropriate team skills and management abilities."

There are plenty of opportunities for men and women who have spiritual vocations but little managerial ability to serve the Church. If they are to be responsible for organisational and financial matters, however, they must expect to be competent in these fields. With so much independence given to more than 10,000 clergy and 115 bishops and their assistants, it is vital that the people who fill these jobs are carefully chosen and properly trained. Parishioners, and future generations, deserve no less.

GLOBE ALIVE

Shakespeare's rebuilt theatre is a stage for all the world

In 1949 a young American actor, Sam Wanamaker, went to Southwark to pay his respects to the memorial to Shakespeare he expected to find on the site of the old Globe Theatre. But the only intimation that the playwright and the playhouse had their roots in the area was a blackened plaque on the wall of a run-down brewery. At that point an Englishman would probably have muttered something fatalistic about government neglect and trudged back home. But Wanamaker uniquely combined American optimism, enterprise and energy with eccentricity. He decided to rebuild Shakespeare's Globe.

His loving replica is now near completion. Everything, from the oak balusters to the Norfolk-reed thatch, is as authentic as scholarly research and traditional craftsmanship can make it. Even with a second Tate Gallery rather than bear-baiting coming to the derelict power station next door, it promises to be an astonishing rebirth.

Next summer the theatre will be ready for the descendants of the groundlings who stood in the open air and watched Richard Burbage as Hamlet quail at Shakespeare himself as the Ghost. Sadly, Wanamaker himself died in 1993, too soon to see the triumph of a Herculean crusade that included such labours as routing the council-chamber Puritans who saw the project as an elitist conspiracy, winning over the cynics in his own profession, and raising nearly £10 million, all from private sources.

The project's supporters now range from the Duke of Edinburgh, its patron, and John Gielgud, its president, to Diana Rigg, John Thaw and Bob Hoskins. Yet a worry persists. The Royal Shakespeare Company and the National Theatre, barely a mile away, provide a perpetual flow of classic drama. Has the Globe anything to add except a kind of pre-technological perfectionism? Has the great American eccentric built his adoptive country a great folly?

Surely not. The Globe has everything to teach actors, directors, academics and audiences about the conditions for which the Bard wrote — and about the plays themselves. If its new leadership can sustain that American belief, ambition and derring-do, and remember that the raffish Southwark of the 1600s catered more for Mercutio and Falstaff than Angelo and Malvolio, there is every reason to hope for exciting performers in exciting productions in an exciting building. London and its visitors will have the monument to Shakespeare Wanamaker could not find, but this time a living one.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Search for end to Bosnian conflict

From Mr Kenneth Lindsay

Sir, On February 5, 1994, whilst serving in Sarajevo as the British Forces Detachment Commander, attached to UNHCR, I watched the blood run in the gutters on Marsali Tito, at the site of the market massacre, where more than 60 innocents were killed by a mortar bomb. The following day I assisted the UN in its evacuation of more than 200 casualties and families from the city, victims of that atrocity and of other actions of the war.

When I left Sarajevo, just over a month later, calm had been restored in the city and all sides displayed a willingness to come to the negotiating table. This had been achieved by a mixture of strong leadership from General Rose and the support of Nato and the UN in his adoption of a tough line with the belligerents.

Today, we are faced with the same horrific images of mass slaughter, dozens are dead and we must feel that we have once again failed the people of the Balkans. Surely it is now time that we commit ourselves to a resolution of the conflict. Britain must realise that the Bosnian Serb Government does not deserve our sympathy and we must support the legitimate Government of Bosnia, already recognised by us, regardless of the circumstances of that recognition.

We cannot allow these terrorists to continue their massacre in Bosnia. We would not allow it in Northern Ireland, for instance, or Kuwait, or South Africa. Why are we prepared to stand and watch this slow slaughter in the Balkans?

Yours faithfully,
KENNETH LINDSAY,
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May 26.

From Mr Branko Marijan

Sir, So far warnings and reminders have only been carried out against one side in this conflict. This policy encourages the Bosnian Government and further isolates the Serbian side, putting them in an impossible position and forcing them to take extreme measures to protect their interests.

The Russians are quite right, airstrikes — particularly one-sided ones — are not the answer. The solution lies in treating both sides equally and fairly, balanced negotiation and exchange of lands and regions between the warring factions. Further escalation is in no one's interest.

Yours,
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Universities league

From Professor A. N. Broers, FRS, FEng, Master of Churchill College

Sir, Edwin Bowater wrote (letter, May 23) of the difficulty he had encountered in gaining a postgraduate placement at a German university. As head of the department in which he graduated I did my best to help him to achieve his ambition. I wrote to the German university concerned and spoke on the phone to their senior officers and to officials elsewhere in Germany. Mrs Juliet Campbell, Mistress of his college, Girton, also made efforts on his behalf.

I do not think that the difficulty was the lack of British influence in Europe but simply that it was not possible to avoid the German requirement for a minimum duration of study at a university. In Germany an engineer cannot qualify for postgraduate study on the basis of a three-year university course.

We came to a conclusion that a three-year course is not long enough for the training of modern engineers in Cambridge several years ago. We now have a new and completely revised four-year course and will produce our first four-year graduates in 1996. Four-year courses, however, are not likely to be introduced by many more universities because we understand from the Higher Education Funding Council for England that the Government's policy is not to increase the average course length of university degrees.

Yours sincerely,
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Railwaymen's ballot

From Mr Richard Law

Sir, Leaders of rail unions, as they again ballot their members, are once more complaining about government "interference" in wage negotiations. As someone whose taxes help to subsidise the railways I'd think the Government was failing in its obligations if its attitude were wholly detached.

Logic requires that railwaymen who object to interference should support policies leading in the short term to privatisation and in the long term to the elimination of all subsidy.

Yours faithfully,
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Do calculators spoil our children?

From Mr S. J. Mills

Sir, I was dismayed to read of further doubt regarding the value of calculators in the primary years (report, May 23). Why are we, as an increasingly technological society, unwilling to embrace this particular piece of technology? Do we conclude that restrictions should be placed on the use of typewriters because of their effect on handwriting, or on motor vehicles for their effect on the nation's cardiovascular systems?

There is copious evidence to support the use of calculators in primary schools. At last we can shift sufficient emphasis towards *when* to do an addition or division rather than simply on *how* to do it. The ability to apply mathematics to the challenges of the future has never been more important. Let us accept this powerful means of calculation, as we did previously with the abacus, and concentrate on helping children to develop complementary mental skills to be used as a first resort.

Above all, let us appreciate that a calculation is not an end in itself: it is only of value if we can do something with it.

Yours faithfully,
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From Dr P. Glaister

Sir, As one of many lecturers nationwide charged with smoothing the transition from school to university for students embarking on a mathematics degree, I very much welcome the School and Curriculum Assessment Authority's inquiry into pupils' use of calculators. It is my impression that many of these students lack basic arithmetical skills.

It is easy to forget that calculators, like their more modern counterpart the computer, are merely tools to help those who already understand what they are doing. Giving a primary school pupil a calculator is like giving an infant a word-processor before it can write.

For my sins I also scrutinise students' calculators before they take them into an examination. This helps to minimise the opportunity to cheat. I find it deeply disturbing that many students now treat their calculators like a life-support machine which they cannot do without.

I would like to see the current trend reversed.

Yours faithfully,
P. GLAISTER,
University of Reading,
Department of Mathematics,
PO Box 220, Whiteknights,
Reading, RG6 6AF.
May 23.

From Dr D. F. Burgess

Sir, For two years I have been the principal of a secondary school in the Nigerian bush.

The parent of a child who took our entrance examination this week and did very badly in mathematics claimed that her son should receive special concession because he was currently being educated in a London primary school and could not, therefore, be expected to meet our high standards.

Despite all its problems, Nigeria appears to be getting some things right.

Yours,
D. F. BURGESS (Principal),
Olashore International School,
Prince Oladele Olashore Way,
Iloko-Ijesha, PO Box 2,
Ijebu-Ijesha, Osun State, Nigeria.
May 19.

Fear of free-for-all in roadside signs

From Lord Chorley, Chairman of The National Trust

Sir, I write in support of Lord Montagu of Beaulieu's letter (May 22) in connection with the Government's proposals for an expansion in the eligibility criteria for tourism road signs.

The National Trust shares his concerns about a visual "free-for-all" and for the importance of standards of consistency. We particularly regret the proposal to remove tourist boards from the approval process, as they have accepted some responsibility for promoting environmental objectives, and are better placed than the highway authorities to insist on national consistency.

The ensuing proliferations of signs would be especially serious in designated areas such as national parks, but it would be deplorable in the open landscape as a whole.

One of the worst aspects of our urban environment is visual clutter in our streets, which can be intrusive and offensive. Perhaps it may be necessary in our towns but let us not compound the situation by allowing it to spread unnecessarily to our wonderful countryside.

Yours faithfully,
CHORLEY,
Chairman, The National Trust,
36 Queen Anne's Gate, SW1.
May 23.

From Mr Michael Preston

Sir, You report that the Design Council "believes that design isn't something you stick on afterwards" (Diary, May 22), so may we hope that it will protest energetically to prevent the free-for-all on tourist signs so well predicted by Lord Montagu in his letter on the same day?

The elegant motorway lettering and signs devised by Jock Kinneir in the 1960s were so much the envy of other countries that their superior quality can be seen reflected in much new signage around the world.

During the early 1970s, *The Times* Diary printed photographs of "misleading, ambiguous or otherwise risible road signs", but by 1978 Michael Leapman could write in his booklet, *More Signs of The Times*, that "as the supply of home-grown signs began to dwindle readers made up for the lack by sending them from all parts of the globe".

Now it seems we are planning to reverse all that. First it was London buses which were pasted over with advertisements, then the black cab; now our towns, villages and countryside could end up replicating the mess familiar in so many Mediterranean coastal resorts.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL PRESTON,
The Arts Club, 40 Dover Street, W1.
May 22.

From Mr Roger J. Heath-Bullock

Sir, The regulation of all directional road signs is not, as Lord Montagu of Beaulieu suggests, the sole prerogative of regional tourist authorities. Temporary road signs, used for special events, are the preserve of the highways department of the local county council. It is here that a review of existing legislation is long overdue.

If I stage an event in Hampshire or West Sussex, I can apply for motoring organisation signs to my event, naming it and giving the dates. Because I organise an event in Surrey I am only permitted directional signs to the location, not to the event.

Apart from this lack of a cohesive national policy, it has always seemed grossly unfair to allow the procedures to vary from one county to another. There is a strong case for reviewing the existing anomalies and allowing clear and full signing, both to facilitate the flow of traffic and to indicate the existence of an event.

Yours faithfully,
R. J. HEATH-BULLOCK,
Cultural Exhibitions Limited,
8 Meadrow, Godalming, Surrey.
May 22.

Swans and anglers

From Mr Duncan V. Fairley

Sir, I would like to reassure your readers that applications for licences to shoot swans (report, May 22) are extremely rare, and that it is not the anglers who have swans in their sights.

The swan population increase is one of the success stories of our time and, although not instigated by anglers, it has been applauded by them everywhere. It is the difficult job of the farmers and commercial trout fisheries, whose livelihoods are affected, to devise effective measures of control.

Anglers are constantly vigilant at the waterside and, through such organisations as the Specialist Anglers Conservation Group (of which I am a member) and the Anglers Conservation Association, they have frequently instigated action against major polluters; their presence has a very positive effect on the protection of aquatic life and environments, both of which are under constant threat from farming and industry.

We welcome the sight of these majestic birds, and it upsets us when we are alleged to wish them harm.

Yours faithfully,
DUNCAN V. FAIRLEY,
23 Swinburne Crescent,
Croydon, Surrey.
May 22.

Arts and lottery

From Professor Anthony Field

Sir, The Secretary-General of the Arts Council is right to say (letter, May 22) that "most of the organisations applying for lottery funds are chronically underfunded".

As the council's financial director (1958-85) I continually recommended all arts organisations to make proper annual provision for depreciation of buildings and equipment. Unfortunately, with their chronic lack of funds this was the first expense to be cut from budgets, hence the sad condition of most of our theatres, concert halls, opera houses and dance centres, many of them built with the aid of the council's Housing the Arts funds, now no longer available.

Thus, National Lottery grants will be invaluable in providing for the repairs and renewals which should have been made in the past decades. They will enable organisations to increase their income by providing a better service to patrons and will even, hopefully, help support such theatres as Chichester Festival and Minerva theatres, which do not at present receive any Arts Council revenue funding.

Yours truly,
ANTHONY FIELD,
152 Cromwell Tower, Barbican, EC2.
May 25.

Putting Oscar on a pedestal

From Sir Peregrine Worsthorne

Sir, "Oscar Wilde, the writer and the man, deserves a public memorial in London, in addition to the window panel recently inscribed in Westminster Abbey". So writes Mr Jeremy Isaacs and a dozen or so other dignitaries in their letter today, pointedly choosing to announce their proposal for a new statue on the anniversary of his conviction.

About the justification for honouring the writer there can be no question. But the same does not apply to the man. For while addiction to the use and corruption of male prostitutes should no longer put a man in prison for two years' hard labour, neither should it necessarily justify putting him on a pedestal forever.

Yours faithfully,
PEREGRINE WORSTHORNE,
The Old Rectory,
Hedgerley, Buckinghamshire.
May 25.

From Mr Peter Forster

Sir, A statue of Oscar Wilde is no new idea. He himself proposed presenting one to his old Oxford college, to stand in the centre of the quad — "a colossal *equestrian* statue", he told the President of Magdalen, Sir Herbert Warren.

Now, Sir, there is that long-unoccupied pedestal in the northwest corner of Trafalgar Square . . .

Yours faithfully,
PETER FORSTER,
30 Wilberforce Road, N4.
May 26.

From Sir Hugh Leggatt

Sir, Your distinguished correspondents' inspirational plan to erect a statue of Oscar Wilde in Westminster to mark the centenary of his release from prison in 1897 must surely succeed.

There are too few sculptures of men and women of artistic achievement in London and a fine representation of Wilde would help to redress the balance between artistic genius and men of war.

Yours faithfully,
HUGH LEGGATT,
Flat 1, 10 Bury Street, St James's, SW1.
May 25.

From Mr Robert Shaw

Sir, Today's proposal for a statue in theatreland to celebrate Oscar Wilde is greatly to be welcomed. Let us hope that a sculpture of greater style and wit can be achieved than that lumpen Epstein thing on his grave in Père Lachaise.

Yours,
ROBERT SHAW,
32 Foster Road, Chiswick, W4.
May 25.

Flying doctors

From Mr R. J. Ayling, Group Managing Director, British Airways

Sir, You have rightly praised the professional skill of Professor Angus Wallace and Dr Tom Wong who selflessly offered their services to Mrs Paula Dixon on the British Airways flight from Hong Kong on Saturday, May 20, as well as the professionalism of the British Airways cabin crew. And I would publicly like to add my thanks to everyone involved in this emergency.

As the story was breaking in the British newspapers [May 24; also letters, May 27] I was in Washington relating the episode to a dinner companion (a businessman, formerly a practising US lawyer). He echoed the point you made in your leader (May 24) that American doctors might well not have felt able to offer their services in this way for fear of the litigious consequences.

The experience of the United States (a country which I greatly admire) in its development of common law legal principles is a nightmare which we can still learn from.

Let us be sure that the development of appropriate systems of liability and compensation in Britain never discourage what happened on BA032 on May 20.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT AYLING,
Group Managing Director,
British Airways,
Speedbird House,
PO Box 10,
Heathrow Airport (London),
Hounslow, Middlesex.

No light matter

From Mr R. A. Philips

Sir, As a larger than average airline passenger who for economic reasons, has to travel economy or cattle class, I welcome the news (report, May 15; also letters, April 29, May 9, 19) that the airlines have recognised that the average passenger's weight is somewhat higher than it used to be. When will they accept that this change is due not to an increase in body density but body volume and give us a little more space?

After a recent transatlantic flight I had to resort to physiotherapy to help my cramped and battered joints recover from their ordeal.

Yours sincerely,
R. A. PHILIPS,
10 Broughton Avenue, Ham, Surrey.
May 26.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 27: By Command of The Queen, the Baroness Miller of Hendon (Baroness in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this afternoon upon the Departure of the Governor-General of the Solomon Islands and Lady Pitakaka and bade farewell to Their Excellencies on behalf of Her Majesty.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 28: The Queen this morning attended a Service of Thanksgiving to mark the Centenary of Crathie Church.

The Service was conducted by the Reverend Keith Angus (Domestic Chaplain to Her Majesty) and the Sermon was preached by the Very Reverend Dr William Morris (Dean of the Chapel Royal in Scotland).

Mr Robin Kennedy was received by The Queen when Her Majesty decorated him with the Royal Victorian Medal (Silver).

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 28: The Duke of Gloucester today visited Dunkirk to commemorate the 55th Anniversary of the evacuation of Dunkirk, France.

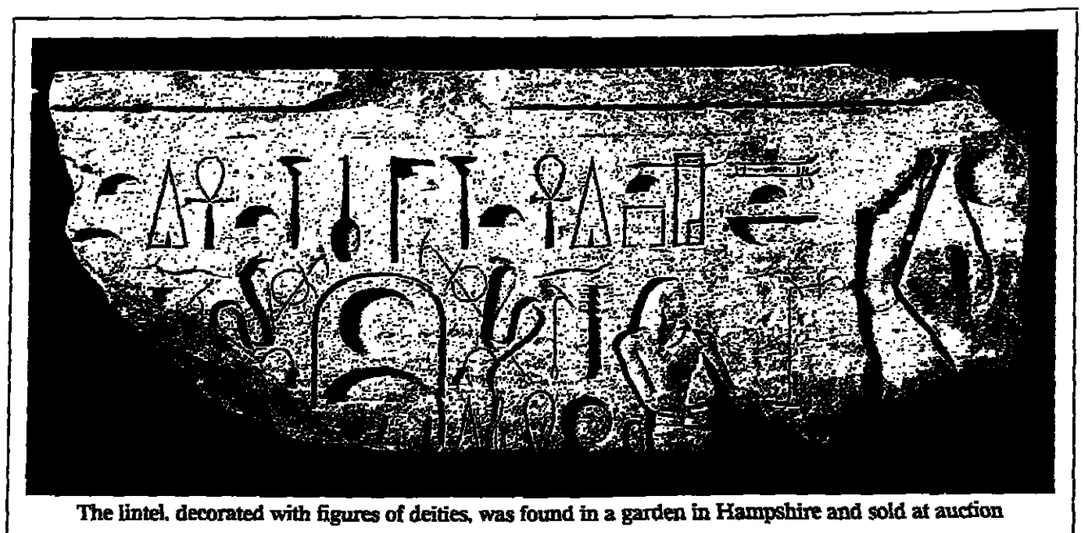
Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 27: The Duke of York this evening attended a Dinner to celebrate the Royal Burgess Golfing Society of Edinburgh's One Hundred Years at Barnton and was received by Mr James Hastie (Deputy Lieutenant of the City of Edinburgh).

Captain Neil Blair RN was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE,
ST JAMES'S PALACE
May 27: The Duchess of Kent this afternoon attended the Scottish Cup Final, sponsored by Tennents, Hampden Park, Glasgow, and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the City of Glasgow (Mr Tommy Dingwall).

Mrs Julian Tomkins was in attendance.



The lintel, decorated with figures of deities, was found in a garden in Hampshire and sold at auction

Garden rarity saved for the nation

THE British Museum has acquired a rare Egyptian sculpture after an export licence was refused. (Norman Hammond writes). Nearly £80,000 was given towards the £109,000 needed to match the auction price, including £24,000 from the National Art Collections Fund.

The sculpture, a white quartzite lintel dating to the reign of Senusret III (1874-1855 BC), was found in a garden in Hampshire, and identified when a schoolteacher sent children's drawings of the hieroglyphs to the British Museum to check their accuracy.

It was sold last December at Sotheby's, and Vivian Davies, the Keeper of Egyptology, was given three months to raise the necessary money. "No other relief work of this quality is to be found outside Egypt," he said. "It would grace the Egyptian galleries of any of the world's museums, and fills one of the few significant gaps in our collection".

The lintel, which had been in the garden since at least 1938, has crisp outlines and fine detail, with the royal cartouche of Senusret III flanked by the seated deities Atum and Re-Horakhty, forms of the sun-god whose temple once stood at Heliopolis near Cairo. "It provides crucial evidence that a substantial temple must once have existed there," Mr Davies said.

The grant from the National Art Collections Fund "shows that we are not just keen on paintings in gilt frames, but in art of every kind." Mr David Barrie, its director, said. The fund also helped the British Museum to acquire the Hoxne Hoard of Roman objects last year.

Half the cost of the lintel was given by the Raymond and Beverly Sackler Foundation, and the remainder made up from museum funds. The lintel matches a more weathered sculpture that has been in the museum since 1805, and both pieces will now be displayed beside the three lifesize statues of Senusret III standing in the Egyptian Gallery.

Latest wills

John Kenyon Vaughan-Morgan, Baron Reigate, of London SW1, Conservative MP for Reigate 1950-70, left estate valued at £750,525 net.

Sir Alexander Johnston, of London SW3, former senior civil servant and chairman of the Board of Inland Revenue 1958-68, left estate valued at £242,567 net.

Mr Donald Leighton Baverstock, of Keighley, West Yorkshire, formerly of Ilkley, former television producer and BBC and ITV executive, left estate valued at £380,599 net.

Mr James Johnson, of London SW19, Labour MP for Rugby 1950-59 and for Kingston upon Hull West 1964-83 left estate valued at £61,539 net.

Marjorie Ray, Dowager Countess of Verulam, of St Albans, Hertfordshire, left estate valued at £521,380 net.

Dr Lewis Griffith Creswell Evans Pugh, of Harpenden, Hertfordshire, the physiologist and mountaineer who was chief scientist in the team of mountaineers led by Lord Hunt which in 1953 became the first to conquer Mount Everest, left estate valued at £450,833.

Mr Leonard Hirsch, of Henleaze, Bristol, the violinist and conductor, left estate valued at £697,038 net.
He left £5,000 (or such greater sum as his trustees think fit) to the Musicians' Union Benevolent Fund.

Mr Robert Henry Shaw, of London SW10, architect and town planner, left estate valued at £363,648 net.

Sir John Capel Hanbury, of Great Amwell, Ware, Hertfordshire, former chairman of the pharmaceutical company Allen and Hanbury, left estate valued at £9,363,863 net.

The Hon George Sandbach Borwick, of London SW3, left estate in the UK valued at £16,957,060 net.
He left his ukelele originally owned by the late George Formby to the Theatre Museum, Covent Garden, London, and £10,000 to the Garrick Club, London WC2, and a further £500 to to provide drinks at the club after his memorial service.

Mr Kenneth Albert Matthews, of Halesworth, Suffolk, the author and broadcaster, for many years a foreign correspondent for the BBC, left estate valued at £243,038 net.

Colonel Percy Fergus Ivo Reid, of Marston St Lawrence, Northamptonshire, former High Sheriff of Northamptonshire, left estate valued at £362,583 net.

Mr John Malcolm Wardle, of Knowle, Solihull, West Midlands, left estate valued at £3,183,295 net.

Air Marshall Sir Peter Guy Wykeham, of Stockbridge, Hampshire, Deputy Chief of the Air Staff 1967-69, left estate valued at £241,839.

Mrs Janet Elizabeth Mary Ahlberg, of Birstall, Leicestershire, the illustrator, who with her husband produced some of the best loved and most successful children's books, including The Jolly Postman and its successor The Jolly Christmas Postman, left estate valued at £793,248 net.

Mr Charles George Bennion, of Little Skeffington, Leicestershire, left estate valued at £2,001,656 net.

Sybil Helen, Baroness Paget of Northampton, of Lubenham Lodge, Lubenham, Leicestershire, widow of Reginald, Baron Paget of Northampton, left estate valued at £942,272 net.
She left £10,000, four cottages fronting The Green, Lubenham, and 64 Main Street, Lubenham, to form "The Lady Paget Homes" to provide accommodation for needy aged persons, with rent according to means who are either employees or otherwise connected with the Village of Lubenham.

Engineering awards

European Federation

The following United Kingdom engineers have been awarded the qualification European Engineer by the European Federation of National Engineering Associations (FEANI) entitling them to use the letters Eur Ing as a prefix to their names:

R Aitken, A Al-Mukhtar, D Atkinson, S R Atkinson, J Bailey, W D Barnes, R Bennett, P Bosanquet, D Boyle, L Brock, K Brook, R Browne, K Burt, K Burton, R Butler.

P Carliss, R Carr, N M Clarke-Hackston, D Coates, J Cobbett, J Collins, F Connolly, F Cooper, S R Coulson, P B Coulter, R Cox, A J Crewe, A M Cumming, R Davey, T Davies, G Dicklin, P Dudley, J Endacott, R G Evans, G Farnell, O G Ferguson, E J Fordham, H Fulton, C Furzey, S Garon, J Gareley, L I Georghiades, P Gray, B Hall, J A Harland, S Hawkins, M Hembling, D Hess, D Hewer, G Higginson, O Hillis, R Howard, B Hulbert, K Hutchinson.

P Jackson, T D Jago, I C Kenny, P Kent, E K Khater, G Kirk, M Klim, J J Kozminski, A Lal, D Lam, T Lamb, M Lambourne, R Latham, J A Lee, D Leith, K C-K Leung, D M Lilley, L M Linn, A List, J Longmuir, J G Lynch.

A S MacGlade, C J Madge, K McNaught, G Michaelides, D L C Millett, D W Mills, T H Mills, J Mordaunt, J Morgan, P Murdoch, G Murray, S A Murray, M Phillips-Mugglestone, A Powell, J C Prichard.

F Richards, I Richardson, I M Roberts, M Rolfe, P J Russ, M Savvides, J Secrrhill, D Scoones, C Scott, T A Sims, S Simonian, R Skinner, K J Spelman, G Spenceley, M Stott, T Suckling, G M Taylor, E P Turkedjiev, R Turner.

P Vanerp, S Vaughan, J Viyakesparan, G E Wagner, N G Wakeman, G Watson, D Winder, J W F Winderam, D Wood, E G Woodbridge, T-M Wu, S A K Zaidi.

Bob Hope, the American comedian, who is 92



Birthdays today

Mr Colin Amery, architectural writer and historian, 51; Mr Michael Berkeley, composer and broadcaster, 47; Sir Douglas Black, physician, 82; Sir Christopher Bland, chairman, NFC, 57; Sir Kenneth Couzens, former chairman, Coal Products, 70; Mr Quentin Davies, MP, 51; Sir Jeremy Elwes, chairman, St Helier National Health Service Trust, 58; Lord Fraser of Carmyllie, 58; Lieutenant-General Sir Martin Garrod, 60; Sir Anthony Grant, MP, 70; Miss Linda Esther Gray, opera singer, 47.

Mrs Patricia Harris, central president, The Mothers' Union, 56; Sir Robin Haydon, diplomat, 75; Sir John Herbecq, civil servant, 73; Sir Trevor Holdsworth, former chairman, National Power, 68; Mr Bob Hope, comedian, 92; Mr David Jenkins, former librarian, National Library of Wales, 83; Mr Ukyo Katayama, racing driver, 32; Professor Robert Knox, bacteriologist, 91; Mr Alan Langlands, chief executive, NHS management executive, 43; Sir James Marjoribanks, diplomat, 84; the Earl of Morley, 72.

Miss Nanette Newman, actress, 56; Mr Terry Pavey, former editor, *TV Times*, 52; Mr Martin Pipe, racehorse trainer, 50; Lord Rankeillour, 60; Mr Francis Rossi, rock singer and guitarist, 46; Mr Alwin Schockemöhle, show-jumper, 58; Sir George Terry, former Chief Constable, Sussex, 74; Mr Carl Toms, stage designer, 68; Professor R.L. Wain, agricultural scientist, 84; the Earl of Wilton, 74; General Sir Richard Worsley, 72.

Entrants to Navy

New entries, April 1995
The following candidates were declared successful for entry to the Royal Navy and entered Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth on April 26:

Naval College entry
Midshipman (full career commission) engineer
Harrington, L B, *U/Y, Rhyn Park School; Oswestry Technical College; Pipkin P, *U/Y, The Royal Grammar School; Russell, C M L, Arbroath School, Glenalmond College.*

Midshipman (medium career commission) engineer
McCoy M J, *U/Y, Handsworth Boys School, Torquay Boys School; Newman D J, *U/Y, Clarendon Comprehensive School, Portsmouth Polytechnic; Chambers P D, *U/Y, Clitheroe Royal Grammar School; Sargent N M, *U/Y, Bridgemary School; Goodship M T, *U/Y, Kettlethorpe High School, Wakefield District College; Mealing S P, *U/Y, Mandeville Secondary School, Aylesbury College of Further Education; Chilton J, *U/Y, Meden Comprehensive School; Harrison M A, *U/Y, Barden High School, Habergham Sixth Form College.*

Midshipman (medium career commission) aircrew (pilot)
Nelson M R, Halleybury College, Knox Grammar School Sydney, New South Wales College.

Midshipman (medium career commission) aircrew (observer)
Page M R, Bablake School, Claverham Community College, Bexhill VI Form College; Burbidge K, *U/Y, Mount Grace High School, The John Cleveland College.*

Midshipman (medium career commission) air traffic control
Krykuriwsky N V, Plymstock School, Plymouth college of Art and Design, West Herts College; Clements E J, *U/Y, Lickhill Middle School, Stourport-on-Severn High School.*

Midshipman (short career commission) seaman
Stait B G, The Coleshill School, East Birmingham College; Tighe S, *U/Y, Monks Dyke High School, King Edward VI Grammar School; Aldridge M J, *C/C, Westfield Middle School, Ourisdale High School.*

Midshipman (short career commission) supply
Gibbs A M, Huish Episcopi School, Strode College; Haines R J, *U/Y, Helston Comprehensive School; Cox M B, *U/Y, Lutterworth High School, Lutterworth Grammar School.*

Midshipman (short career commission) aircrew (pilot)
Brake, C E T, The Exeter School, Exeter College; Brockenhurst College; Alsop S H, Kirkwall Grammar School, Gordonstoun School, University of Edinburgh; Doubleday S, *U/Y, Babington Community College, City of Leicester School, Lodge Park School, Yeovil College.*

Direct Graduate Entry
Sub lieutenant (full career commission) supply
Bagworth J F, Wimbledon High School, University of Reading.

Sub lieutenant (medium career commission) seaman
Jones D J, The Wensleydale School, University College of North Wales.

Sub lieutenant (medium career commission) aircrew (pilot)
Hayden T W, Chilton Cantelo School, Helston School, Middlesex University; Whitlum A C, Deben High School, University of Hertfordshire; Rogers J W, Wootton Bassett School, Kingswood School, King Edward's School, Cambridge University; Smith R J, King Edward VI School, Thorden School, Barton Peverill College, University of Salford; Campbell M A, Dartmouth Comprehensive School, Kingsbridge School and Community College, Royal Military College of Science, Cranfield University; Nield R W, The Blue Coat C of E Comprehensive School, Coventry University, Cranfield University.

Sub lieutenant (medium career commission) aircrew (observer)
Hill A J, Wantage School, University of Brighton; White J C E, Presentation College, King James' College, University of Warwick, University College of Swansea; Heaney M J, Marling Grammar School for Boys, University of Wales.

Sub lieutenant (medium career commission) air traffic control
Dennis P E, Sir William Borlase's Grammar School, University College Swansea; Dingwall M, Kirkcaldy High School, Heriot-Watt University.

Sub lieutenant (short career commission) seaman
Field J S, Duke of York's Royal Military School, University of Ulster; Groves S F, Ringwood Comprehensive School, Brockenhurst College, Bournemouth and Poole College of Further Education, Aston University; Raeburn C, Kelso High School, Robert Gordon's University.

Sub lieutenant (short career commission) aircrew (pilot)
Hindmarch S A, Laxton School, University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne; Thom D S, King Edward VI School, Queen Elizabeth II School, Wellingborough School, Staffordshire University; Stirling D J, Hermitage Academy, Glasgow University; Donegan C L, The Calder High School, Manchester University; Bradley R L, King Edward VI School, University of the West of England.

Sub lieutenant (short career commission) aircrew (observer)
Roberts N D, Mayflower High School, Chelmsford College of Further Education, University of Leeds.

Church in Wales

Diocese of Bangor
The Rev Meurig Llwyd Williams, Curate of the Parish of Holyhead, to be Cleric-in-Charge of the Parish of Pwllheli.

Schools news

St Antony's-Leweston School
The Countess of Longford, CBE, presented prizes at Speech Day at St Antony's-Leweston School, Sherborne, Dorset on Saturday and afterwards officially opened the new Senior Science Centre.

Solihull School
On Saturday, May 27, a reunion of the class of 1985 of Solihull School took place at the Old Silhillians' Memorial Clubhouse, the present headmaster, Alan Lee and his predecessor, Giles Slaughter were the guests of honour. Also present were some 50 members of the class of '85, together with numerous members of staff, both past and present. The toast to the school was proposed by Darren Gandley, OS.

Gordonstoun School
Gordonstoun School announce the following scholarship awards:

Sixth Form
Academic Scholarships: Joshua Krakos, Assumption High School, Davenport, Iowa, USA; Christine Lipsey, Merchant Taylor's School for Girls, Liverpool; Farrah Meherali, Cranbourne School, Basingstoke.

Leadership Scholarships: Georgina Catlow, St Christopher C of E High School, Accrington; Johan MacDonald, Kingussie High School.

Music Scholarship: Christine Lipsey, Merchant Taylor's School for Girls, Liverpool.

Junior
Academic Scholarships: James Bateman, Grantown Grammar School; Robert Dickinson, New Park School, St Andrews; Hamish Grant, Grantown Grammar School; Gabriella Haslam-Jones, Crawfordton House, Dumfriesshire; Alastair Stanning, Edinburgh House, Hampshire; Stewart Titchin, Exeter Cathedral School.

All Round Scholarships: Victoria Balfour, Ardvreck, Crieff; Daisy Roth, Moor Park, Shropshire; Dougal Watt, Ardvreck, Crieff; Madeleine Williamson, Aberlour House, Banffshire.

Music Scholarship: Angus Paterson, New College School, Oxford.

Details of the 1996 awards are available from the School: Tel (01343) 830445, Fax (01343) 830074. Gordonstoun School is a registered charity which exists solely for the education of children.

Forthcoming marriage

Mr P.M. Clothier and Miss C.J. Atkinson
The engagement is announced between Peter Michael, youngest son of Mr and Mrs W. Clothier, of Doncaster, Yorkshire, and Claudia Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs B.J. Atkinson, of Chiswick, West London.

Marriages

Mr D.M. Burgess and Miss S.G. Brown
The marriage took place on Saturday, May 27, at St Michael's Church, Galleywood, Essex, of Mr David Burgess, son of Mr and Mrs Brian Burgess, to Miss Susan Brown, daughter of Mr and Mrs Douglas Brown. The Rev Roger Wakely officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Lisa Brown, Miss Sarah Stannard, Miss Michelle Grant, Miss Joanne Downes, Miss Sandra Downes and Emily Brown. Mr Andrew Fitzgerald was best man.

A reception was held at Furze Hill and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Comte Guillaume de Villelume and Miss K.M. Viggers
The marriage took place on Saturday at St George's Church, Lisbon, of Comte Guillaume de Villelume, elder son of the Comte and Comtesse Jacques de Villelume, of Paris and Limousin, and Katherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Viggers, of Westminster and Hampshire. The Ven Kenneth Robinson officiated at the marriage and Pere Duranton at the nuptial mass.

A reception was held at Quinta de Manique and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr G.J. Molyneux and Miss J.D. Williams
The marriage took place on Saturday, May 27, 1995, at The Willows Church, Kirkham, of Mr Gregory Molyneux, eldest son of Mr and Mrs B.J. Molyneux, of Kirkham, Lancashire, to Miss Julie Williams, only daughter of Mr W.D. Williams and Mrs P.G. Jones, both of North Wales. The Reverend Dunstan Cooper officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Lynne Rees and Miss Rachel Molyneux. Mr Paul Stanford was best man.

The wedding breakfast was held at The Hillside, Kirkham and the honeymoon will be spent in the Channel Islands.

Signor L. Pianini Mazzucchetti and the Hon Isabella Grenfell
The marriage took place on Saturday at Pieve di San Cresci a Macioli, Pratolino, Florence, Italy, of Signor Luigi Pianini Mazzucchetti, son of Signor and Signora Pianini, of Rimini, Italy, to the Hon Isabella Grenfell, daughter of Lord Grenfell, of Paris, and of Signora Loretta Reali, of Florence. Don Pietro Rosselli officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Carolina Pianini Mazzucchetti, Costanza Riva, Miss Emma Carlisle and Signorina Benedetta Bigazzi. Signor Giancarlo Pianini Mazzucchetti was best man. A reception was held at Villa Il Cupolino and the honeymoon will be spent on a Mediterranean cruise.

Mr P.J.A. Nimmo and Miss M. Flowers
The marriage took place on Saturday, May 27, at St Mary Magdalene, Bristol, of Mr Piers Nimmo, younger son of Mr and Mrs Derek Nimmo, of Kensington, London, and Miss Marina Flowers, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Flowers, of Sneyd Park, Bristol.

The bride was attended by Louise Flowers and Florence Christie.

A reception was held at the Mansion House.

Mr C.E.P. Otton and Miss P.S. Berliand
The marriage took place on Saturday, May 27, at St Andrew's, Cobham, Surrey, of Mr Charles Edward Philip Otton, to Miss Penelope Sarah Berliand.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Oliver and Victoria Bogue, Henry and Miranda Berliand, Olivia Hodge, George Royds and Ben and Alex McClean. Mr Giles Andrews was best man.

A reception was held at Bridgefoot Farm, Surrey and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr H.S. Weller and Miss J.A. Buse
The marriage took place on Saturday at Kingston Register Office, between Mr Harvey Weller and Miss Jacqueline Buse.

The bride was attended by Miss Rachel Fitzgerald and Mrs Susan Edgar. Mr Keith Dodge was best man.

A reception was held at Cannizaro House, Wimbledon and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: King Charles II, reigned 1660-85, London, 1630; William Dodd, forger, Bourn, Lincolnshire, 1729; Patrick Henry, American statesman, Hanover City, Virginia, 1736; Phillipe Lebon, inventor of gas for lighting, Brachay, France, 1767; Isaac Albéniz, composer, Camprodón, Spain, 1860; G.K. Chesterton, writer, London, 1874; Oswald Spengler, philosopher, Blankenburg, Germany, 1880; T.H. White, novelist, Bombay, 1906; Tenzing Norgay, Himalayan climber, 1914; John Fitzgerald Kennedy, 35th American President 1961-63, Brookline, Massachusetts, 1917.

DEATHS: David Beaton, cardinal, murdered, St Andrew's Castle, Fife, 1546; John Penry, Puritan writer and martyr, executed, St Thomas a Watering, Surrey, 1593; Sir Humphry Davy, inventor of the miners' safety lamp, Geneva, 1829; William Henry Pyne, (Ephraim Hardcastle), painter and author, London, 1843; Julius von Sachs, botanist, Würzburg, Germany, 1897; Mili Balakirev, composer, Leningrad, 1910; Sir William Gilbert, librettist of the Savoy operas, London, 1911; John Barrymore, actor, Hollywood, 1942; Fanny Brice, comedian and singer, Los Angeles, 1951; Juan Ramon Jiménez, poet, Nobel laureate 1956, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 1958; John Gunther, journalist, New York, 1970; Mary Pickford, actress, Santa Monica, California, 1979.

The monarchy was restored in England, 1660.

Sir Edmund Hillary and Sherpa Tenzing Norgay reached the summit of Mount Everest, 1953.

Forty one spectators died, and more than 350 were injured, when Liverpool and Juventus fans rioted, Heysel Stadium, 1985.

Appointments

The Duchess of Kent has become President of the Marie Curie Foundation.

Lieutenant Commander Toby Williamson, RN, to be an Equerry to Her Majesty in place of Major James Patrick, Irish Guards, when he relinquishes his post in August on completion of his tour of duty.

Mrs Carol Porter to be a full-time Chairman of Industrial Tribunals from September 1, assigned to the Manchester region.

Mr Michael Anthony Wooley to be Magistrates' Training Adviser at the Lord Chancellor's Department.

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BIRTHS

CRAVEN - On April 24th, to Mary and David of Swansea, a daughter Elinor Mary a sister for Hannah.

WARD - On May 26th, to Persephone (née Kenton) and Timothy, a son, Corin Delaney, a brother for Georgiana.

DEATHS

AILSA - Lawrence. Nee Ferguson 24 May 1995. At midnight. Beloved daughter of Mair and Mary and sister of Deirdre, Frances and Paul. We miss you darling.

ELVERSTON Eva, peacefully on May 25th 1995 aged 92 years. Younger daughter of Sir Henry Lyton, wife of the late Edward Elverston. Funeral service to be held at 4.30pm on Friday 2nd June at Randalls Park crematorium Leatherhead.

OGDEN - On May 25th 1995, peacefully at home, Bettie, widow of Colonel T.A.B. Foott and Colonel A.H. Ogden. Cremation private followed by funeral service at Gloucester Parish Church on Thursday June 1st at 11.30 am. Enquiries and flowers to Cowley & Son, Black Jack Street, Cirencester (01285) 653296.

OLDLAND - On Ascension Day 25th May 1995, John Leyston, Priest SSC, in hospital shortly after receiving the fullness of the Catholic Priesthood, aged 88. A Clerk of the Holy House, Walsingham, one-time Parish Priest of St John the Divine, Balham, London SW12 also of St Helen's, Alhvarley, Yorkshire. In retirement. Honorary Assistant Priest of St Matthew's Bethnal Green, London E2.

SHEEHY - On Monday 22nd May 1995, tragically in a car accident in Trier, Germany, Anne, beloved sister of Patrick, Sheehy and Mary Shivanandan, and aunt of John, Joanna, Marianne and Michael. Requiem Mass at the Carmelite Church, Kensington Church Street, London on Friday, 2nd June 1995 at 1:15 pm. Flowers may be sent to J.H. Kenyon, 42 Marloes Road, London, W8 6LA.

TARRATT - On 24th May 1995, peacefully in Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge, Ronald Leslie, aged 90 years. Beloved husband of the late Rhona Beatrix and loving father of Alison and John, dear father-in-law and grandfather. Funeral Service at Saffron Walden Baptist Church on Friday 2nd June 1995 at 3pm followed by cremation. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to the "R.N.L.I." or "Addenbrookes Endowment Fund" may be sent to H. Pennycod & Son, Thaxted Road, Saffron Walden, Essex CB11 3AQ.

WILSON - On May 24th peacefully in St Thomas's Hospital, The Right Honourable Baron Wilson of Rievaulx KG OBE FRS PC (Harold Wilson). Much loved Statesman, husband, Father, grandfather and friend. Funeral private, memorial service to be announced later.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

DE WET - Professor Jacobus. A Memorial Service will be held in Balliol College Chapel, Oxford, on Saturday, 10th June 1995, at 11 am.

RYALL - Ronald. A Memorial Service will be held on Monday 25th September at 6.30 pm in the Chapel of King Henry VII, Westminster Abbey, followed by a party. Those wishing to attend (all are welcome) are asked to telephone (0181) 874-6739.

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OBITUARIES

LOLA FLORES

Dolores "Lola" Flores Ruiz, Spanish flamenco singer and dancer, died of cancer in Madrid on May 16 aged 72. She was born in Jérez de la Frontera on January 21, 1923.



THE daughter of a tavern owner in the sherry town of Jérez, Lola Flores led a life of passion, turbulence and popular acclaim. From the small girl who stamped out her flamenco on the tables of her father's bar, she rose to be the country's best-loved singer. In the years preceding her death she appeared almost to be living her life in the pages of *Hola*, *Semana* and *Diez Minutos*, the magazines which are the staple of Spanish housewives.

Flores's art defied classification. Although her idiom might broadly have been defined as that of the flamenco, there was much in it that purists of the genre would have rejected. Although only a quarter gypsy — for which she was called *Loli la negrucia* or "Loli the blackie" at school in Seville — she embraced the heritage of Spain's gypsy minority as firmly as the country's gypsies regarded her as one of their own.

In 1940, when her father sold up his Jérez bar, the family moved to Madrid where, at the age of 17, she met Manolo Caracol, a variety artiste of some repute. Besides forming a stage duo, they were lovers in a tempestuous relationship for eight years before she broke away and left him for the Americas, where she made a stage debut in Mexico. Caracol was left behind in Madrid, but she always had a kind word for her first love: "With him I saw the best bullfights, met the best performers and slept in the best hotels," she was later to say.

She devoted the next few years to the sentimental cinema which was a feature of Spain under Franco. She adorned such films as *El Balcón de la Luna* — with Carmen Sevilla and Paquita Rico, *La Niña de la Venta*, and *La Faraona*. The last — meaning "female pharoah" — was the name by which Spain was to come to regard her with affection.

After a series of dalliances with footballers, bullfighters, filmstars and flamenco singers, Flores met and married the sturdy Catalan Antonio González, known in Catalonia as *El Pescailla*, a nickname suggestive of a species of small fish, though not actually translating as such. A gypsy and guitarist, *El Pescailla* is credited with the creation of the *Rumba Catalana*. Married in the Escorial in 1957, they produced three children and lived together to the end.

El Pescailla was now to ensure that she devoted her passion entirely to her art. Yet the Franco regime had taken her to its heart, too, and was to see in her the incarnation of that Andalucian *folklorismo* which the General was intent on establishing as a cultural currency for all Spain.

Lola was to perform privately for Franco on numerous occasions. This earned her the bitter title in some quarters of *La Pasionaria del Interior* — or "La Pasionaria of the Home Ministry". Although she had no personal interest in allowing her art to be used as propaganda, any close contact with the Franco regime inevitably exposed one such as she was to such an accusation.

Nevertheless, it was not generally held against her in the long term. After Franco's death she was successfully to affirm to the "tribunal of all Spanish hearts" that she was the property of the people of Spain and not of any one regime — the present Socialist Prime Minister Felipe González was as warm in her praise at her death as the dictator Franco had been in her life.

Flores was as popular in Mexico, Cuba and other parts of South America as she was in Spain and made a number of tours to Latin American countries, as well as visiting the US.

But in later years she was to attract close scrutiny from the Spanish *Hacienda*, or inland revenue. After a long court battle, in which she was charged with massive tax evasion between the years 1982 and 1985, she escaped imprisonment on a technicality. Spain breathed a sigh of relief. Some were later to claim, at a time when the outcome of her trial was looking particularly ominous, that Lola had considered appealing to all Spaniards to contribute a *duro* — or five pesetas — each to save her from jail. She was later to deny this strenuously.

Breast cancer was later to rob her of much of her vigour, and her condition in the year before her death was one of constant deterioration.

She is survived by *El Pescailla* and by their two sons and a daughter.

MAJOR-GENERAL MICHAEL SCOTT

Major-General Michael Scott, Commandant Technical Group, REME, 1963-65, died on May 13 aged 83. He was born on October 25, 1911.



MIKE SCOTT was a man of paradox. Despite coming from a military family, he trained as a civilian engineer but, seeing the war coming, he accepted a commission in the Royal Army Ordnance Corps as an ordnance mechanical engineer in 1935 and, while serving in India, became an early member of the uniformed Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (REME).

By the early 1960s, after a varied military engineering career, he had reached the senior ranks of his Corps. Then, when he retired from the Army in 1965, he became a highly successful professional farmer.

The son of Colonel F. W. Scott of the Scots Greys, he was educated at Harrow and served an engineering apprenticeship with Petters at Yeovil, and Thorneycrofts at Basingstoke. His first appointment was as an ordnance mechanical officer to the 1st Guards Brigade in Palestine during the prewar Arab revolt. The Army was in the process of mechanisation, and he commanded one of the first brigade LADs (Light Aid Detachments), looking after the Guards' transport.

Posted back home in 1937, he left for India a year later, serving briefly in Ferozepore and Lahore before being sent to the North West Frontier as an ordnance mechanical officer of Waziristan District at Der Ismail Khan in 1939. The Waziristan Campaign — the last to be fought by British troops on the Frontier — was being waged in the Ahmedzai Salient where the harsh ground conditions severely punished all the vehicles of the British field force.

When the Japanese invaded Burma, Scott was promoted lieutenant-colonel and sent to the 17th Indian Division as its Commander Indian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. He served with the division throughout its operations in the Plain of Imphal. In late 1944 he was sent, as an operationally experienced officer, to the US Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

He returned to England to become Commander Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (CREME) of the 1st Airborne Division as it was being rebuilt after its losses at Arnhem. He was with it during the liberation of Norway at the end of the war in Europe.

After the war he had a short spell commanding Kinnegar Workshop in Ulster before attending the Staff College, Camberley. He was perhaps disappointed not to receive a staff appointment straightaway. Instead, he stayed with his Corps, commanding No 1 Central Vehicle Depot, and in 1947 became CREME of the 6th Airborne Division in Palestine during the final months of the British mandate. A year later he was given the only two non-specialist staff appointments of his career: GAQMG in HQ Western Command and then GSOI in the War Office directorate of weapon development.

From 1951 onwards he advanced rapidly up the REME chain of command: as a colonel in HQ British Army of the Rhine, 1951-54; as a brigadier in HQ Middle East in Cyprus during the time of the Suez landings, 1955-58; in Southern Command, 1959; and as Inspector REME, 1960-63. He was promoted major-general in 1963 and appointed Commandant of the Technical Group REME.

He retired from the Army in 1965 and bought a 200-acre dairy farm in Somerset, where he built up a fine pedigree Friesian herd. He was a man of striking appearance and kindly disposition, and was popular both in the Army and in the farming world.

He took a keen interest in local affairs, becoming a JP and vice-chairman of the Yeovil bench, and a member of the Deanery Synod. In 1968 he was appointed Colonel Commandant of REME, and he was president of the local district branch of the British Legion.

He was a keen yachtsman, particularly enjoying ocean racing, and took part in the Sydney-Hobart and Fastnet races. He was also a keen shot, and enjoyed shooting over his springer spaniels.

He married Laila Wallace (née Tatchell) in 1961. He had no children. Laila and her son and daughters survive him.

THE EARL OF CLANCARTY

The Earl of Clancarty, the author of books on unidentified flying objects (UFOs), died on May 18 aged 83. He was born on September 18, 1911.

IN INSTIGATING a House of Lords debate on UFOs 16 years ago, the 8th Earl of Clancarty ensured himself a highly eccentric entry in the proceedings of that venerable chamber. On that occasion a bemused Lord Strabolgi, speaking for the Government, made clear that whatever else it believed in, on that particular theme the administration must inevitably remain sceptical. "Where are these alien spacecraft now?" he inquired.

As chairman of the Lords UFO study group, Clancarty had his own answer to that question, although not all members of the group endorsed his theory. He maintained that aliens from a number of differing galaxies had first peopled the Earth some 65,000 years ago — thus accounting for our various races and colours of skin. Some still lived near the centre of the Earth, which they had entered through a series of tunnels at strategic points, the North and South Poles and Tibet being among these.

When once asked where these aliens had got to, he replied: "Well, you do see a lot of strange people around, don't you?"

If not all peers accepted this unusual thesis, quite a number were clearly intrigued by the subject matter. The debate in 1979 attracted hundreds, who fought their way into the Upper House's chamber. It was one of the best attended for some years.

Clancarty also wrote seven books in 14 years, which would seem to have sold well in the 1960s when interest in space and the possibility of extraterrestrial life was beginning to grip the nation as dreams of manned space flight were gradually turned into a reality.



The Earl of Clancarty was born William Francis Brinsley Le Poer Trench, fifth son of the 5th Earl, and was brought up in London. The family had originally been Huguenots who had crossed the Channel from France 400 years ago, settling first in Northumberland then, later, as Anglo-Irish gentry in Co Galway.

Brinsley's most illustrious ancestor was the 2nd Earl who was Britain's Ambassador to The Hague early in the last century and was present at the Congress of Vienna after the Napoleonic Wars. The actor Tyrone Power was a later, somewhat distant, relative.

Brinsley Le Poer Trench went to Pangbourne Nautical College and worked for a while selling advertising space for a gardening magazine. But he switched to full-time writing after publication of his first book in 1960.

On succeeding his half-brother Greville as the 8th Earl in 1975 he developed a third career at the House of Lords. He was a tall, kindly man who, in addition to his obsession with UFOs, took an interest in health matters and defence. He regularly attended meetings of the all-party defence group as well as turning up faithfully for Lords debates.

His books, all published under the name of Brinsley Le Poer Trench, were *The Sky People* (1960), *Men Among Mankind* (1962), *Forgotten Heritage* (1964), *The Flying Saucer Story* (1966), *Operation Earth* (1969), *The Eternal Subject* (1973) and *Secret of The Ages* (1974). He also edited the *Flying Saucer Review*, helped to set up the International UFO Observer Corps and was founder-president of Contact, an international UFO group.

His greatest disappointment, perhaps, was never to have had a close encounter of his own, despite going to some lengths to do so. The nearest he got to one was when he spotted an "eerie white light" zig-zagging across the night sky over South Kensington. But although he scrambled on top of the kitchen sink to improve his view, the "saucer" had vanished behind cloud seconds before.

Lord Clancarty, who died in a Sussex nursing home, is survived by his fourth wife, May, formerly the widow of a commander in the Royal Navy, whom he married in 1976. The title passes to his nephew, Nicholas Le Poer Trench who becomes the 9th Earl.

CHRISTIAN ANFINSEN

Christian Anfinsen, American biochemist and Nobel Prizewinner, died in Randallstown, Maryland, on May 15. He was born in Monessen, Pennsylvania, in 1916.

CHRISTIAN Anfinsen was one of a group of biochemists who over a period of 20 years after the Second World War were able to work out both the sequence and the structure of important biological molecules. The particular achievement for which he shared the 1972 Nobel Prize for Chemistry was the discovery of the sequence of the 128 amino acids that make up the enzyme ribonuclease; he went on to investigate how this structure folds in order to form the complex three-dimensional shape that determines the enzyme's properties.

Anfinsen was educated at Swarthmore College and the University of Pennsylvania before taking up a research fellowship at the Carslberg Laboratory in Copenhagen in 1939. There he was greatly influenced by Kaj-Ulrik Linderstrom-Lang, who decided that protein structure, like Gaul, was divided into three parts.

First there was the primary structure, the amino acid sequence. The secondary structure is determined by the way in which these sequences form helices and pleated sheets, and the final tertiary structure by a further process of folding to create the complex shapes later elucidated by X-ray crystallography.

In 1943 he joined Harvard University and in 1950 went to the National Institutes of Health where he headed various laboratories over the next 30 years. After his retirement from NIH he joined the faculty at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore in 1982.



At the time when Frederick Sanger in England was working out the primary structure of insulin, Anfinsen was using chemical and chromatographic techniques to perform the same task for ribonuclease. Today such sequences are easily found, but in the 1950s it required a *tour de force* of chemical analysis, culminating in the sequence for which Anfinsen shared the 1972 Nobel Prize with Stanfard Moore and William Stein of Rockefeller University in New York.

By 1955 Anfinsen had turned to the secondary and tertiary structures. "He was a true pioneer in the field of protein structure and protein folding," said Daniel Nathans of Johns Hopkins. "His work is a prototype for the many studies that have followed."

More recently, Anfinsen had been studying the extremophiles, bacteria that flourish in the hot and inhospitable conditions found in vents where the tectonic plates join in the ocean floors. He believed that these bacteria, capable of surviving at very high temperatures, might be useful in disposing of toxic materials such as chemical weapons.

Anfinsen often joined in campaigns against the misuse of science, particularly biological weapons. Among his many interests was the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovoth, Israel, on whose board of governors he had served since 1962. He leaves a widow, two daughters, and a son.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev Stephen Northfield, Vicar, Ramsey w Little Oakley and Wrabness: to be Vicar, Hatfield Peverel w Ulting (Chelmsford).

The Rev David Pollard, Rector, Roche and Withiel (Truro): to be Assistant Curate (Minister in Charge), the Conventional District of Christ Church, Parkwood (Canterbury).

The Rev Michael Porter, Priest-in-charge, South Hornchurch (Chelmsford): to be Vicar, Christ Church, Anerley (Rochester).

The Rev Trevor Reiss, Vicar, Lowestoft St Margaret Team Ministry, and Chaplain, Lothingland Hospital: to be Vicar, St Mary Magdalene, Gorleston (Norwich).

The Rev David Robouom, Vicar, Sid Valley Team Ministry: to be Rector, Bradninch and Clyst Hydon (Exeter).

The Rev John Root, Vicar, St James, Alperton: to be also Area Dean of Brent (London).

The Rev Duncan Ross, Vicar, St Mary of Eton, Hackney Wick: to be Priest-in-charge, St Paul, Bow Common (London).

The Rev Eric Russell, Vicar, St Paul and St Silas, Lozells: to be Priest-in-charge, St Swithun, Barston and Associate Minister, St John, Knowle (Birmingham).

The Rev John Russell, Vicar, The Ascension, Hall Green: to be Deanery Priest, w special responsibility in Oldbury and Langley (Birmingham).

The Rev Peter Thackray: to be Honorary Assistant Curate, Brabourne and Smeeth (Canterbury).

The Rev John Tipping, Priest-in-charge, Mersham w Hinxhill and Priest-in-charge, Sevington: to be also Priest-in-charge, Brabourne and Smeeth (Canterbury).

The Rev Peter Vannozzi, Vicar, St Edmund the King, Northwood Hills: to be also Area Dean of Harrow (London).

The Rev Dr. Ian Wallis, Chaplain of Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge: to be Priest-in-charge, St Michael and All Angels, Houghton-le-Spring (Durham).

The Rev Roger Williams, Vicar, St Jude and St Paul, Mildmay Grove (London): to be Priest-in-charge, Charles w St Matthias, Plymouth (Exeter).

The Rev Myra Wing: to be Honorary Assistant Curate, Appledore w Brookland and Fairfield and Brenzett w Snargate and Kenardington; and to the parish of Stone in Oxney (Canterbury).

The Rev Michael Wray, Assistant Curate, Headington Quarry (Oxford): to be Assistant Curate, Kennington (Canterbury).

The Rev Nicholas Wynne-Jones, Vicar, Great Clacton parish church (Chelmsford): to be Vicar, Christ Church, Beckenham (Rochester)

Resignations and retirements

The Rev Christopher Allen, Vicar, St Bernard, Hamstead (Birmingham): resigned as from April 7.

The Rev Stephen Bond, Assistant Curate (NSM), St Mark, Washwood Heath (Birmingham): to resign as from May 31.

The Rev Stephen Jones: to resign as Priest-in-charge, St Paul, Harold Hill (Chelmsford) as from May 24. He will remain Vicar, St George, Harold Hill w St Thomas.

The Rev Robert McLean-Reid, Vicar, the Ascension, Easington Colliery (Durham): to retire on ground of ill-health from June 30.

The Rev Robin Paxton, Team Vicar, Dovercourt and Parkeston Team Ministry (Chelmsford): to retire as from July 31.

The Rev Donald Percy, Vicar, South Moor, Stanley (Durham): to resign as from June 30.

The Rev Canon Jonathan Russell, Rector, Selling w Throwley and Sheldwich w Badlesmere and Leaveland, who is to be Priest-in-charge, Elham w Denton and Wootton: to resign as Rural Dean of Ospringe (Canterbury) as from June 30.

The Rev David Rye, Rector, Barnham Broom Team Ministry, and Priest-in-charge, Reymerston, Cranworth w Letton and Southburgh, Whinburgh w Westfield (Norwich): to retire as from July 13.

MISS MARIE TEMPEST

JUBILEE PERFORMANCE AT DRURY LANE

Yesterday afternoon at Drury Lane, in the presence of their Majesties, Miss Marie Tempest celebrated — and all that is most distinguished in her profession celebrated with her — the fiftieth anniversary of what may now be called her accession to the stage. After a ballet danced by Mr Harold Turner and Mme Markova beyond all expectations of a charity *matinée*, and a few songs that found Mr George Robey in correspondingly good form, the curtain rose on the second act of *The Marriage of Kitty*, dressed a little surprisingly in the costume of today.

A preliminary glance at the programme having revealed that among those who were later to "walk on" were the light and leading of the stage, it was of some interest to observe who had been chosen for the special honour of playing with Miss Tempest in her selected scenes. Hovering over the dinner table at which Kitty was afterwards to entertain her husband, were Mr Louis Goodrich as the man-servant and Miss Yvonne Arnaud as the French maid. Next came Mr Graham Browne as the solicitor of fantastic devices, an affable performance, neat and benign, and soon afterwards the husband himself Mr Frank Allenby, who, even beneath the handicap of a very modern tailor, can turn a sentimental soliloquy to perfection.

So they were all set to play their little game when the Peruvian widow, evidently by origin a whirlwind in petticoats, burst in upon them. It is not easy to be that kind of whirlwind without the assistance of that kind of petticoat, but Miss Margaret Rawlings, with excellent resources, invented a whirlwind of her own as amusing and as well fitted for Kitty to ride. Miss Tempest rode it beautifully, perfect mistress of herself, the stage, the little song she sang, and Sir Reginald Belsize, Bt. Who else can flirt while handing the bread or, after 50 years, still polish off all the widows in Peru with a flick of her eyelashes?

Mr John McCormack, Miss Evelyn Laye, and Miss Mary Ellis sang, and Miss Tempest, in the third act of *Little Catherine*, showed that she could be an old Empress as well as a young one. Mr Allan Aynesworth, Mr Massey, Mr Donat and Mr Robert Harris represented the tribute of the senior and junior stage to the old monarch.

Upon which followed *The Players' Masque for Marie Tempest*, written by Mr John Drinkwater and produced by Mr Tyrone Guthrie. With Mr John Gielgud to lead it, to introduce the living players who appeared in the semblance of players now gone, and to speak Mr Drinkwater's verses, this masque was a model of what such things should be — when serious, brief and touching; when gay, full of spontaneity and charm. It ended in a ballroom scene, crowded with all the brilliance of the theatre — a dazzling company that divided when Miss Tempest was carried in on a golden throne. She made a little speech, thanking the players, and received the deeds that established in St George's Hospital a Marie Tempest Wing to be used by members of her own profession.

ON THIS DAY

May 29, 1935

This celebration of Dame Marie Tempest's 50 years on the stage brought together a wide variety of theatrical talents, among them Alicia Markova, Evelyn Laye and Robert Donat

THE TIMES TODAY

MONDAY MAY 29 1995

NEWS

Serbs take British troops hostage

■ The United Nations command in Bosnia was reported to be considering launching a counter-offensive after Bosnian Serbs seized at least 33 British soldiers from their observation posts in the eastern Bosnian enclave of Gorazde.

The British troops, from the Royal Welch Fusiliers and perhaps the SAS, were deployed at observation posts. Some managed to escape ..... **Pages 1, 10, 11**

Major rules out early Bosnia pullout

■ The Government last night ruled out an early withdrawal of forces from Bosnia. John Major and Jacques Chirac, the French President, agreed during a 30-minute telephone conversation that pulling out their 7,000 troops immediately might provoke violence on an unprecedented scale and the genocide of the Muslim population ..... **Page 1**

Loony gamble

Bookmakers, who like to get a bit of fun out of politics, threw a lifeline to the Monster Raving Loony Party. But the financial subvention offered by William Hill may not be enough to save the career of Britain's longest serving party leader..... **Page 1**

Blair tribute

Conservative chiefs attempted to play down embarrassment over Baroness Thatcher's tribute to Tony Blair as the best Labour leader for 30 years..... **Page 2**

Dental alert

Health authorities in Scotland are trying to contact several thousand patients treated by a dentist found to be carrying the potentially lethal hepatitis B virus .**Page 3**

Speedboat drowning

One man died and another was feared drowned after their speedboat capsized in high winds and ferocious seas off the south Devon coast..... **Page 3**

OJ prediction

The chief prosecutor in the O.J. Simpson murder case yesterday told a British audience to expect him to begin a life sentence before the end of the year..... **Page 5**

Oil rig alarm

Environmentalists are alarmed over a plan to wreck and dump on the sea-bed a quarter of the North Sea oil and gas rigs rather than their being dismantled..... **Page 6**

Anger over whales

Japan is planning a sharp rise in the killing of whales, to the outrage of the British Government and conservationists..... **Page 6**

Teachers' jobs risk

More than 3,000 teachers will lose their jobs as a result of the budget cuts in state schools, a union survey discloses. They will join 1,500 further education lecturers facing dismissal..... **Page 7**

Russian earthquake

Russia mounted an emergency operation in a small town on a remote Pacific island after a powerful earthquake killed thousands..... **Page 9**

Jerusalem passion

Jews and Arabs both laid impassioned claim to Jerusalem on a day set aside for triumphal marches to mark the anniversary of its conquest of the east side of the contested holy city from Jordan in the 1967 war..... **Page 8**

Pink elephant

Europe's Council of Ministers new pink marble and plate glass headquarters rises ten storeys, intimidating everything else around it in Brussels..... **Page 9**

Spanish elections

Polls forecast a landslide victory for the Centre-Right Popular Party in Spanish regional elections but the minority Socialist Government was hoping to avoid total humiliation..... **Page 9**

Memories of Churchill's first love

■ Designer dresses worn by Pamela Plowden, the first girl Winston Churchill fell in love with, are about to be sold to pay for repairs to her stately home in Hertfordshire. Pamela, later Countess of Lytton, was widely regarded as a striking society beauty whose dress sense was at the cutting edge of Edwardian fashion. She died in 1971 aged 97..... **Page 7**

TONY HARRIS



A pensive John Major at lunch yesterday during the Texaco Trophy cricket match between England and West Indies at Lord's

BUSINESS

Going for broke: Accountancy and legal firms are expecting to be caught up in a backlash over the high level of fees they collect for liquidations ..... **Page 40**

Million a year men: Sir James Blyth, chief executive of Boots, is the latest to join the £1 million a year salary club ..... **Page 40**

Dressing down: Marks & Spencer's US menswear retailer, Brooks Brothers, lost business because it was not casual enough. Retailers are bombarding employers with brochures featuring clothes for a relaxed atmosphere..... **Page 38**

Going up: Pay rises in the private sector are starting at 3 per cent and then moving upwards according to the latest analysis of wage settlements..... **Page 40**

FEATURES

Pollution detector: Wriggling around laboratories in the Midlands is a worm which, courtesy of genetic engineers, turns blue when washed over by chemicals, heavy metals or hazardous toxins. Nick Nuttall reports ..... **Page 14**

Valerie Grove: Margaret Drabble's life of Angus Wilson is out, so now she can tidy her own ..... **Page 15**

EDUCATION

Light touch: "From the start the school encouraged a rare spirit of free thinking. Everything was done to eradicate differences in social background." Nicholas Wapshott today launches an occasional series with memories of progressive Rendcomb ..... **Page 37**

ARTS

Still kicking: In *The Times* last week, Bernard Levin mourned the death of modern music. So how come a work by Henryk Gorecki, was recently outselling anything by Mozart?..... **Page 12**

Love songs: Love figures highly on Celine Dion's scale of things. Witness her latest album, *The Colour of My Love*, and her current British tour ..... **Page 12**

Popular return: Cameron Mackintosh has cut short the continental tour of *Five Guys Named Moe* and brought the show back to the West End ..... **Page 13**

Profound play: Robert Lepage's production of Strindberg's *A Dream Play* at the Tramway in Glasgow makes startling sense of this extraordinary piece .... **Page 13**

SPORT

Cricket: Michael Atherton's innings of 127 against West Indies helped England to a 73-run victory..... **Pages 21, 24**

Rugby union: England players went horse racing in an attempt to forget an unsatisfactory 24-18 victory over Argentina..... **Page 26**

Motor racing: Michael Schumacher increased his lead in the Formula One drivers' championship when he won the Monaco Grand Prix by almost 40 seconds from Damon Hill..... **Page 23**

Football: Huddersfield Town won promotion to the Endsleigh Insurance League first division after beating Bristol Rovers 2-1 in the play-off..... **Page 28**

Golf: Bernhard Langer and Mark Mouland share the lead going into the final round of the Volvo PGA championship..... **Page 22**

Tennis: Andre Agassi and Pete Sampras seek the only grand slam title to have eluded them at the French Open..... **Page 29**

Motor cycling: With a quarter of the season gone, Carl Fogarty, the world superbike champion, is well out in front..... **Page 23**

Boxing: Chris Eubank, the former world super-middleweight titleholder, stopped Bruno Godoy, of Argentina, in the first round of their bout in Belfast..... **Page 28**



TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

■ **IN THE CANNES**
After the hullabaloo comes the real news, the winners of the world's premier film festival

■ **FUTURE PLANS**
Alan Lee talks to A.C. Smith, the man charged with the biggest overhaul of English cricket

LOTTERY NUMBERS

12, 13, 25, 37, 44, 45. Bonus: 9

TV LISTINGS

Preview: The intimate lives of birds come under scrutiny. *Bird in the Nest* (BBC1, 9.55am). **Review:** Lynne Truss discovers *The Vet* suffering from a nasty case of soundbites on BBC1 ..... **Page 39**

OPINION

Confronting terrorism

Britain, like other Western allies, will not risk its men's lives in an internecine tribal feud in Bosnia. But nor will it be driven from its international responsibilities by terrorism..... **Page 17**

Church management

There are opportunities for men and women who have spiritual vocations but little managerial ability to serve the Church. If they are to be responsible for organisational and financial matters, they must expect to be competent in these fields..... **Page 17**

COLUMNS

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

Already it has been shown how hard it is to protect copyright on the Internet. Far more dramatic is the question whether one can protect tax. High-earners will be able to work anywhere. The welfare state will break up because the demands will increase and the resources will diminish..... **Page 16**

PETER RIDDELL

Only the most confident ministers are now prepared to second-guess regulators, as both Kenneth Clarke and Michael Heseltine have done this month..... **Page 16**

OBITUARIES

Lola Flores, flamenco singer; **the Earl of Clancarty**, writer on UFOs; **Major-General Michael Scott**, engineer; **Christian Anfisen**, Nobel biochemist..... **Page 19**

LETTERS

Hostage-taking in Bosnia; calculators in schools..... **Page 17**

THE PAPERS

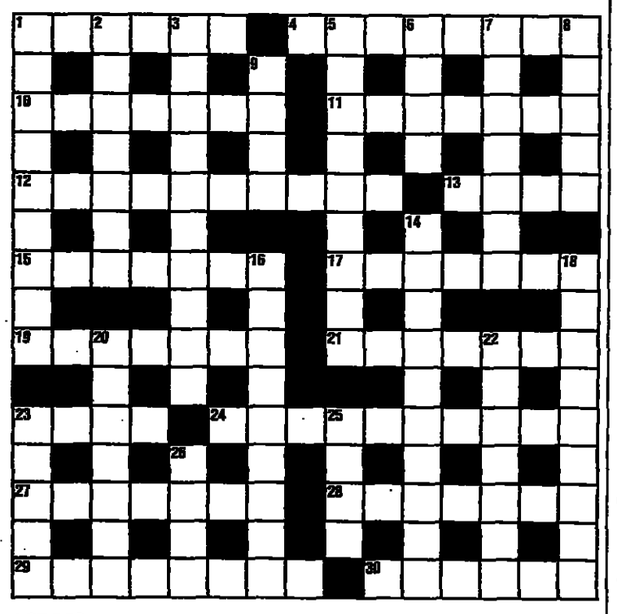
A hasty retreat from Bosnia could lead to disaster. At this crucial moment it must not happen. The West must not knuckle under

— The Mail on Sunday

The Western effort in Yugoslavia has been based on an illusion: that peace can somehow be enforced peacefully, rippling gently outwards from blue helmets

— Independent on Sunday

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ACROSS

1 Seek to plant flag in the midst of the enemy (6).
4 Earlier holder for Church glass (8).
10 A plant to grow wild in desert (7).
11 Maid in Twelfth Night holding doctor captive with musical instrument (7).
12 Being more exposed, shiver in bunk (10).
13 A mother — but not his (4).
15 Don getting advance notice of lecture (7).
17 A youngster brought up with pride (4,3).
19 Propriety of furnishing style giving pause (7).
21 Church council — one about the conjunction of heavenly entities (7).
23 Fashion class (4).
24 Crash start by new driver on other side of junction (10).
27 Fee to cover design of clothing (7).
28 An iced drink he's found at last (7).
29 Granny that's irritated when suffering aches (8).
30 She gets mixed gin free (6).

DOWN

1 Dismiss particular type of agitator (9).
2 Diverted from storm in the light of danger (7).
3 Unwanted fruit (10).
5 A solecism to sport such garments? (9).
6 Monstrous person at the centre of progress (4).
7 Drifter in charge, having no fixed abode (7).
8 Raise militia initially to prepare for conflict (5).
9 Workers recruited by extremely shrewd boss (4).
14 Where the Sherwood men gathered a petition? (5,5).
16 Dunce limps off to school (9).
18 Defender, given marching orders, recoiled (9).
20 Bill gets up to clinch 'ateful ring encounter (7).
22 A resident likely to linger on? (7).
23 Sally with nothing to wear outside (5).
25 Moral laxity exposed by gripping article (4).
26 Plant found where river enters marsh (4).

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KNOCKANDO
PURE SINGLE MALT SCOTCH WHISKY

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 19,866 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will receive a bottle of Knockando, a superb Speyside Single Malt Scotch whisky and a fine leather credit card wallet.

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Saturday: Highest day temp: Heathrow, 21C (70F); lowest day max: Fair Isle, Shetland, 10C (50F); highest rainfall: Salcombe, Devon, 0.73in; highest sunshine: Margate, Kent, 10.1hr.

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** Central and eastern England and Wales will have a sunny morning but showers will spread widely by afternoon, some thundery. Winds may be gusty, keeping temperatures much as yesterday.

Scotland and Northern Ireland will have sunny intervals and showers, the best of the sunshine in the east, while showers will be heavy and prolonged at times in the west. Winds will be lighter than yesterday, but temperatures much the same.

☐ **London, Central S, SE England, E Anglia, E Midlands, Channel Isles:** Sunny spells, afternoon showers, some heavy. Wind southwest, light or moderate. Max 19C (66F).

☐ **Central N, NE, E England, W Midlands, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth:** Sunny start, showers later, some heavy and thundery. Wind south to southwest, moderate. Max 18C (64F).

☐ **SW, NW England, Wales, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland:** Clear intervals and showers, some heavy. Wind southwest to west, moderate or fresh. Max 17C (63F).

☐ **Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, NW Scotland, N Ireland:** Frequent showers, some prolonged and heavy with the risk of thunder. Wind south or southwest, moderate. Max 16C (61F).

☐ **NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** Clear or sunny intervals and showers. Wind southeast to south, mainly moderate. Max 14C (57F).

☐ **Outlook:** Sunny spells everywhere as showers die out from the south to become confined to northeast Scotland. Becoming a little warmer.

☐ **Pollen count:** Scotland L; Northern England L; N Ireland L; Midlands M; East Anglia M; Wales L; South East M; South West L; London L.
H=high, L=low M=moderate.

AROUND BRITAIN

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	C	Max F	
Aberdeen	4.7	0.08	14	57	r	Littlehmptn	7.5	0.03	18	64	s
Anglesey	4.5	0.23	16	61	r	Liverpool	3.9	0.25	19	66	r
Aspatria	4.2	0.17	19	66	r	London	5.2	0.01	19	66	b
Aviemore	3.0	-	18	61	c	Lowestoft	8.7	-	17	63	s
Belfast	4.8	0.04	18	64	r	Manchester	3.7	0.19	19	66	sh
Birmingham	6.6	0.17	19	66	sh	Margate	10.1	-	21	70	s
Bognor R	8.9	0.04	19	66	s	Morecambe	3.2	0.42	19	66	r
Bournem'th	4.8	0.06	18	64	b	Newcastle	2.0	0.02	19	66	r
Bristol	3.0	0.20	18	64	sh	Newquay	3.6	0.17	17	63	b
Buxton	4.9	0.21	18	64	b	Norwich	9.0	-	21	70	b
Cardiff	3.9	0.23	18	64	b	Nottingham	X				
Clacton	9.2	0.02	17	63	d	Oxford	2.9	0.09	18	64	sh
Cleethorpes	5.3	0.06	21	70	b	Penzance	2.1	0.20	15	59	r
Colwyn Bay	3.9	0.03	20	68	sh	Plymouth	X				
Cromer	9.1	-	21	70	s	Poole	4.3	0.12	20	68	c
Doncaster	6.2	0.06	21	70	r	Prestatyn	X	0.02	19	66	s
Dumbar	X					Ross-o-wye	5.7	0.22	19	66	s
Eastbourne	X					Ryde	7.4	0.07	19	66	b
Edinburgh	2.3	-	19	66	b	Salcombe	-	0.73	15	59	c
Eskdalemuir	1.5	0.40	15	59	r	Sandown	7.3	0.06	18	64	b
Exmouth	3.4	0.64	15	59	b	Saunin Snd	3.6	0.03	19	66	b
Falmouth	X	0.03	15	59	c	Scarboro'	5.5	0.10	19	66	s
Fishguard	3.8	0.45	15	59	r	Shanklin	7.5	0.11	18	64	b
Folkestone	9.9	-	18	64	s	Shrewsbury	4.5	0.09	19	66	sh
Glasgow	2.0	0.09	18	64	r	Skegness	7.4	0.01	20	68	s
Guernsey	X					Southend	9.9	-	19	66	s
Hastings	8.4	-	18	64	s	Southport	3.2	0.38	19	66	sh
Hayling I	7.4	0.06	17	63	sh	Southsea	6.5	0.07	17	63	b
Herne Bay	9.5	-	20	68	s	Stornoway	5.0	0.06	15	59	c
Hove	7.9	0.02	17	63	b	Swanage	4.8	0.08	17	63	r
Hunstanton	7.3	0.02	20	68	b	Teignmouth	4.2	0.62	17	63	r
Ilfracombe	X					Tenby	2.7	0.39	16	61	s
Isle of Man	1.0	0.35	15	59	r	Thirso	8.2	-	14	57	sh
Jersey	9.5	0.09	21	70	s	Torquay	0.3	0.56	16	61	c
Kinloss	4.5	-	16	61	c	Tynemouth	-	0.02	18	64	b
Leeds	5.6	0.11	20	68	r	Ventnor	6.6	0.08	18	64	b
Lerwick	1.0	0.02	10	50	r	Weymouth	3.1	0.19	16	61	b
Lauchars	1.8	0.23	15	59	r						

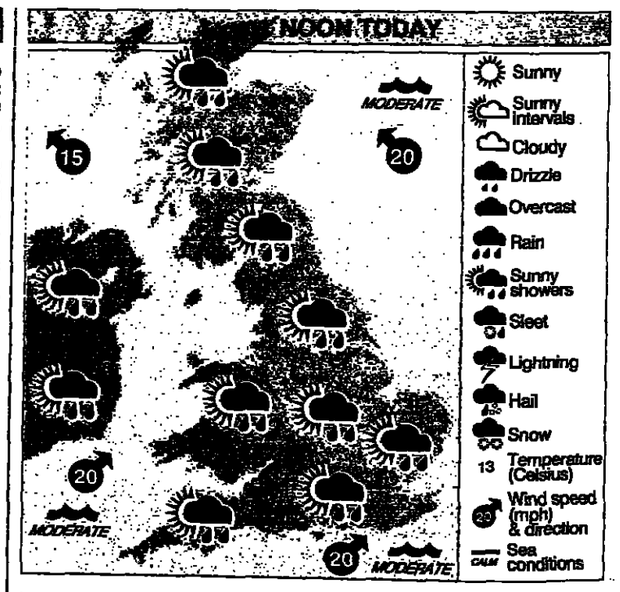
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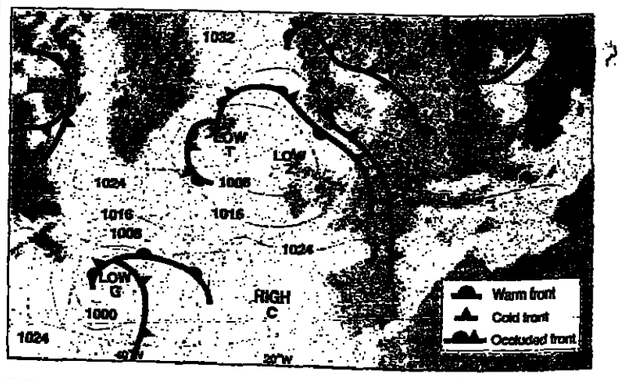
Ajaccio	22	72	s	C'phagn	19	66	s	Majorca	24	75	s
Akrotiri	29	84	f	Corfu	30	86	s	Malaga	23	73	s
Alex'dria	24	75	s	Dublin	17	63	s	Malta	28	82	s
Algiers	25	77	f	Dubrovnik	25	77	s	Malt'me	15	59	c
Amst'dm	21	70	f	Faro	25	77	s	Madco C	23	73	s
Athens	32	90	s	Florence	23	73	s	Miami	29	84	c
Bahrain	39	102	s	Frankfurt	24	75	s	Milan	26	79	s
Bangkok	32	90	f	Funchal	24	75	s	Montreal	18	66	s
Barbados	31	88	f	Geneva	22	72	c	Moscow	28	64	s
Barcelona	22	72	f	Gibraltar	21	70	s	Munich	23	73	s
Beirut	28	77	s	Helsinki	18	64	s	Nairobi	22	72	f
Belgrade	27	81	f	Hong K	31	88	f	Naples	23	73	f
Berlin	24	75	s	Innsbrck	23	73	s	N Delhi	40	104	s
Bermuda	26	79	s	Istanbul	23	73	f	N York	22	72	s
Biarritz	20	68	s	Jeddah	38	100	s	Nice	19	66	s
Borde'x	25	77	s	Jo'burg	17	63	s	Oslo	14	57	r
Brussels	20	68	f	L Palmas	25	77	s	Paris	19	66	s
Budapst	24	75	f	La Tngst	23	73	f	Peking	28	82	s
B Aires	17	63	s	Lisbon	24	75	s	Perth	16	59	f
Cairo	33	91	s	Locarno	28	79	s	Prague	22	72	s
Cape Tn	28	82	s	L Angels	17	63	c	Reykjavk	7	45	r
Chicago	19	66	f	Luxmbrg	23	73	s	Rhodes	24	75	s
Ch'church	13	55	-	Lusor	37	99	s	Rio de J	19	66	s
Cologne	25	77	f	Madrid	29	84	s	Riyadh	39	102	s
Rome	21	70	s								
Salzburg	25	77	s								
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Venice	27	81	c								
Vienna	24	75	s								
Warsaw	26	82	s								
Wash'ton	22	72	c								
Wellington	17	63	r								
Zurich	23	73	f								

Temperatures at midday local time. X = not available

NOON TODAY



Low Z will absorb low T and push northwards. Low G will move northeastwards and fill. High C will drift northeastwards and build



HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	1:32	6.73	1:51	6.73	Leith	2:23	5.21	2:40	5.18
Aberdeen	1:05	3.92	1:20	3.93	Liverpool	11:08	8.79	11:25	8.83
Avonmouth	7:01	12.34	7:17	12.56	Lowestoft	9:16	2.39	9:34	2.26
Belfast	11:01	3.22	11:14	3.48	Margate	–	–	0:06	4.53
Cardiff	6:56	11.69	7:14	11.88	Milford Haven	6:04	6.43	6:16	6.51
Devonport	6:28	5.05	5:44	5.21	Newquay	4:49	6.39	5:07	6.53
Dover	11:22	6.32	11:16	6.33	Oban	5:32	3.68	5:40	3.74
Dublin	11:38	3.78	11:53	3.95	Penzance	4:29	4.98	4.49	5.08
Falmouth	4:49	4.82	5:13	5.08	Portland	6:34	1.88	6:53	2.01
Glasgow	0:17	4.65	0:46	4.44	Portsmouth	11:16	4.37	11:27	4.48
Harwich	11:50	3.85	–	–	Shoreham	11:21	5.78	11:28	5.89
Holyhead	10:10	5.11	10:27	5.25	Southampton	10:43	4.20	10:55	4.33
Hull	6:10	8.99	6:28	8.90	Swansea	6:07	8.92	6:21	9.05
Ilfracombe	5:49	8.45	6:04	8.53	Tees	3:24	4.96	3:41	4.90
King's Lynn	6:10	6.38	6:29	6.30	W'ton-on-Nze	11:45	3.94	–	–

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 4.52 am
Sun sets: 9.04 pm
Moon sets 9.03 pm
Moon rises 5.10 am
New Moon Today

London 9.04 pm to 4.51 am
Bristol 9.14 pm to 5.01 am
Edinburgh 8.42 pm to 4.38 am
Manchester 9.23 pm to 4.49 am
Penzance 9.19 pm to 5.20 am

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England captain runs West Indies ragged in Texaco Trophy decider at Lord's

Atherton leads from the front

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

LORD'S (West Indies won the toss): England beat West Indies by 73 runs

ENGLAND'S cricket has lurched from the indescribable to the indestructible in the past week, proving once more the folly of reading too much into one-day form. But yesterday, when they harnessed all the disciplines effectively to settle the Texaco Trophy series in emphatic style, it was significant and appropriate that their inspiration came from Michael Atherton.

No matter the varying opinions of his tactical and motivational powers, Atherton's batting has found new horizons within his captaincy duties. Yesterday he played the type of innings that would, until recently, have been beyond him. To make his first century in one-day internationals he required, in sequence, courage, stoicism, flair and invention. It was an innings of indelible character, worthy of the standing, cheering ovation it received from 28,000 inside Lord's. Without it, England would not have won.

To put such batting in perspective, it is necessary to know that Lord's was awash early yesterday, that play began at 11am only through the Herculean work of the groundstaff and that England were asked to bat first when the pitch was moist and pliable to seam bowling. Atherton had lost the toss again and, for the third time, Richie Richardson had chosen to bowl first. He was fully justified.

Simon Barnes 24
Lancashire on top 24
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Atherton needed 27 balls to get off the mark and was then obliged to survive an hour in which his bat had only a passing acquaintance with the ball. England might easily have been in ruins after that hour; had Atherton perished they probably would have been. But he fought through the storm, accelerating purposefully to a second fifty twice as fast as his first and eventually playing strokes of a range and improvisation that were once alien to him.

There was a period, to his abiding chagrin, when Atherton was the victim of misguided stereotyping. He was too correct and one-paced a player, it was said, so he could not be considered for one-day games. The very thought seems absurd now, for as he surveys this successful week his average in one-day internationals has risen to 46, higher than anyone in either team. The bland figures do not tell the whole story.

When the force is with a batsman, he is capable of feats he would not normally attempt. So it was with Atherton yesterday. He turned ones into twos, whereas in Australia last winter he had often contrived the reverse. He moved lightly and positively around his crease to a point when bowlers of stature no longer knew where to bowl to him. And, wonder of wonders, he hooked Ian Bishop for six.

The early signs were not propitious for England and might have been still more ominous if Courtney Walsh had been fit to play. Without him, much rested on Curtly Ambrose and, at first, his response was positive. His initial six-over spell conceded only two scoring shots and contained any number of moral victories. It also, however, contained a number of no-balls, which was a precursor of things to come when, in his remaining overs, he was put under pressure by forthright batting.

Ambrose is mentally frail at present and it shows. His return for this series reads nought for 125 and, if that does him scant justice, it will also have done his confidence no good whatever. Bishop, too, has a barrier to overcome and a run-up to regroove after his lengthy absence and the impression is growing that Walsh, when fit, will be carrying an unhealthy burden.

Bishop did strike once with the new ball, removing Alec Stewart cheaply for the second game in succession, but West Indies required at least two more wickets in the first hour to feel they had exploited their advantage. Once Graeme Hick had pulled and off-driven Benjamin for fours, England's confidence visibly rose and by lunch, albeit with Hick out to an ambitious cut against Hooper, the scoreboard was on the move.

Every team needs luck when conditions conspire and England's came with two catches being taken off no-balls. Atherton was on 29 when he clipped Bishop to mid-on and Graham Thorpe had made 21 when a top-edged pull against Ambrose's third no-ball in an over was caught and hurled obliviously skywards by Arthurton at square leg.

Thorpe's neurotic innings was soon over but when Ramprakash joined his captain in the most assertive partnership of the day, the West Indies outcricket disintegrated in much the way it had done at the Oval on Friday. They bowled 19 extra balls, courtesy of no-balls and wides, the direction of their attack began to rely upon the scattergun theory and their fielding fell victim to farce and fumbling.

There was time for Alan Wells to bat briefly and unselfishly on his international debut before West Indies set off in pursuit of 277. They never threatened to make it against England seam bowling that seldom strayed from the straight and narrow.

Hooper spent 34 overs scoring 40 but nobody else managed even that many and when, from their peak at 171 for four, the decline began in earnest, the West Indies batting was so witless that one felt they wanted to hurry away to cover their blushes. They were all out with 6.4 overs unused. Naturally, they can play immeasurably better and probably will but, if nothing else, England have laid first claim to the psychological high ground.



Atherton glances to leg during his first century in one-day internationals yesterday. Photograph: Marc Aspland

SCOREBOARD FROM LORD'S

West Indies won toss

ENGLAND

*M A Atherton c Adams b Gibson	127 (204min, 160 balls, 1 six, 14 fours)
†A J Stewart c Lara b Bishop	8 (24min, 16 balls, 2 fours)
G A Hick b Hooper	24 (75min, 55 balls, 3 fours)
G P Thorpe c Hooper b Gibson	28 (50min, 49 balls, 1 four)
M R Ramprakash not out	29 (74min, 43 balls, 1 four)
A P Wells b Gibson	15 (10min, 10 balls, 2 fours)
D Gough b Benjamin	8 (6min, 5 balls, 1 six)
D G Cork low b Benjamin	0 (1min, 1 ball)
P J Martin not out	4 (1min, 1 ball, 1 four)
Extras (b 4, lb 13, w 9, nb 7)	33
Total (7 wkts, 55 overs, 226min)	276

S D Udal and A R C Fraser did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12 (Atherton 0), 2-79 (Atherton 34), 3-152 (Atherton 75), 4-244 (Ramprakash 25), 5-263 (Ramprakash 28), 6-272 (Ramprakash 29), 7-272 (Ramprakash 29).

BOWLING: Ambrose 11-1-45-0 (nb 8, w 1, 6-1-8-0, 2-0-10-0, 2-0-17-0, 1-0-10-0); Bishop 11-2-53-1 (nb 1, w 1; 6-2-17-1, 3-0-12-0, 2-0-24-0); Benjamin 10-0-61-2 (w 4; 5-0-18-0, 4-0-31-0, 1-0-12-2); Gibson 11-0-51-3 (nb 1, w 3; 4-0-21-0, 5-0-21-1, 2-0-9-2); Hooper 11-0-38-1 (one spell); Arthurton 1-0-11-0 (one spell).

WEST INDIES

S C Williams c Atherton b Cork	21 (37min, 30 balls, 5 fours)
C L Hooper c Gough b Cork	40 (132min, 88 balls, 2 fours)
B C Lara c Stewart b Cork	11 (16min, 10 balls, 2 fours)
J C Adams c Stewart b Martin	29 (46min, 46 balls, 2 fours)
K L T Arthurton c Stewart b Gough	36 (56min, 49 balls, 6 fours)
*R B Richardson low b Gough	23 (39min, 33 balls, 1 six, 1 four)
†J R Murray b Fraser	5 (17min, 7 balls)
O D Gibson c Atherton b Fraser	7 (15min, 8 balls)
W K M Benjamin b Fraser	6 (12min, 9 balls)
I R Bishop not out	1 (11min, 5 balls)
C E L Ambrose b Martin	1 (7min, 4 balls)
Extras (lb 13, w 11)	24
Total (48.2 overs, 199min)	203

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-29 (Hooper 4), 2-44 (Hooper 7), 3-94 (Hooper 26), 4-128 (Arthurton 13), 5-171 (Richardson 20), 6-184 (Murray 5), 7-190 (Gibson 6), 8-198 (Benjamin 8), 9-201 (Bishop 0).

BOWLING: Fraser 11-3-34-3 (w 4; 6-3-15-0, 2-0-8-0, 3-0-11-3); Martin 9.2-1-36-2 (w 5; 4-1-15-0, 4-0-16-1, 1-0-5-0, 0.2-0-0-1); Cork 9-2-27-3 (w 1; 6-2-18-2, 3-0-9-1). Gough 10-0-31-2 (6-0-14-0, 4-0-15-2, 1-0-2-0); Udal 8-0-52-0 (w 1, 4-0-28-0, 4-0-24-0), Hick 1-0-10-0 (one spell).

PREVIOUS MATCHES: Trent Bridge: West Indies won by five wickets. The Oval: England won by 25 runs.

Match award: M A Atherton (Adjudicator: M H Denness).

Men of the series: M A Atherton (Eng) and J R Murray (West Indies).

Umpires: J H Hampshire and M J Kitchen.

TV replay umpire: J C Balderstone.

Match referee: J R Reid (New Zealand).

CORNHILL TEST SERIES: June 8: Headingley. June 22: Lord's. July 6: Edgbaston. July 27: Old Trafford. August 10: Trent Bridge. August 24: The Oval.

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Martin: two wickets for England yesterday

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"The modern English county cricketer has either forgotten how to battle for a draw or, in many cases, never known the need" — Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

Is it time to end county championship bonus points? Page 25

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Anchor role catches Hignell out of position



MATTHEW BOND

TV ACTION REPLAY

Jack Rowell is not the only team boss with problems on his hands in South Africa. Bob Burrows, executive producer of ITV Sport, must be less than delighted with the stuttering start his all-star team has made to the rugby World Cup.

Some of the problems, of course, are beyond his control. I lost count of the number of times live action from England's unhappy encounter with Argentina was missed because the director employed by the South African host broadcaster was either showing a replay or, worse still, a shot of the crowd. Breakaway Argentine interceptions, disputed tries, even Mike Catt's hurriedly improvised restart — all were missed.

The one consolation is that the replays, in common with the pictures and sound, are of a high quality. But there is a time for a revealing replay and when there is live action in progress is not one of them.

Other problems, however, are within Burrows's control. A number of his key personnel appear to be suffering from playing out of position. The most uncomfortable is Alastair Hignell, who, although slowly recovering from a nightmare start on Thursday, still does not look asafe pair of hands for the key job of anchoring the biggest sporting event of the year.

Presenting is a quite different skill from commentating, the latter being an area where there is no disputing the former England full back's talent. It is the one job where a sportsman's wealth of experience on the field is of no use.

What it requires is experience on camera, calmly addressing the watching world while a lunatic shouts instructions into your ear-piece. It also needs a little more showmanship than Hignell can muster, especially to sell some of the one-sided encounters of the early rounds. Still, as the tournament proceeds, that job should become easier.

Hignell can take comfort in the fact that Mark Austin, ITN's experienced Africa correspondent, looks just as uncomfortable when he takes the presenter's chair, as he did for Ireland's peak-time battle with New Zealand. Both men appear bedevilled by a production team obsessed with technical wizardry.

Half-time in a rugby match is short enough for a channel that needs to catch up with commercials, without trying to take in a live link to some far-off training camp. Hignell's link to the Irish hotel during half-time in Wales versus Japan was almost surreal. It was supposed to be with the Irish forward, Gary Halpin. It wasn't and whoever was sitting in Halpin's chair looked almost as startled as Hignell.

In the commentary box, however, things are going far better. John Taylor may have none of the engaging eccentricities of Bill McLaren, but he is still a class act. And Chris Rea is clearly relishing getting behind the microphone again. Indeed, given his experience of presenting *Rugby Special*, perhaps he will be seen in front of camera before the tournament is out.

The summarisers are also an enjoyably familiar bunch: the loquacious Gareth Edwards; Steve Smith, who sounds more like Kevin Keegan than ever; and the outspoken Clive Norling, who sounds more like a retired prop forward than an international referee. One thing puzzles me, though — why are all Hignell's studio guests apparently having to sit on Gareth Chilcott's knee?

ITV has spent more than £8 million on its coverage, Eurosport considerably less. But Mike Wedderburn, the recently-retired Harlequins and Wasps winger, is bringing a distinctively different voice to the satellite channel's coverage, especially when joined by the irrepressible Micky Skinner as he was for England against Argentina.

Labouring under the handicap of an inferior sound link, the pair more than make up for that lack of clarity with their clubhouse clowning. Goodness knows what Bill McLaren would make of it — but it's fun.

Welshman's 65 earns share of lead going into final day at Wentworth

Mouland masters wind to set up chance of victory

By Mel Webb

NOBODY takes liberties with the West course at Wentworth on the most peaceful of days. When it is visited by the wind it can destroy scores, batter reputations and raise blood pressure to danger levels. That is the way it was for the third round of the Volvo PGA Championship yesterday; it was not an easy day to be playing golf.

The course is always a joy to behold, no matter what the time of year, and important ingredients in making it so pleasing to the eye are the trees that line its fairways and surround its greens.

But their beauty masks a menace that is never far below the surface. When it blows, the green aisles of this cathedral of golf become rocky tracks to nowhere. No wonder they call it the Burma Road.

More than a few fell by the wayside — Darren Clarke, the talented young Irishman, had a miserable 82. Frank Nobilo, the overnight leader, fell to a humbling 77. Only a handful coped with the manifold perils that awaited them, and none did better than Mark Mouland, who began on one under par and finished on eight under after a startling 65, easily the best round of the day.

Mouland, who had an eagle, six birdies and a solitary bogey, was once a man who believed in keeping the cup of life filled to overflowing. But that is a thing of the past for the Welshman. "It's no secret that I enjoyed myself, staying up and having a laugh with the boys," he said. "Now if I'm in bed later than ten o'clock, it's a late night."

Bernhard Langer, meanwhile, settled for more modest gains, but the 68 he finished with was enough to give him a share of the lead with Mouland on 208, eight under par. They lead Andrew Sherborne and Per-Ulrik Johansson by a shot with José Maria Cañizares and the daunting figure of Nick Faldo one further back.

Already in this tournament, Langer has broken Neil Coles's record of successive cuts made. Today he might take this championship for the third time. His round was flawless until he came to the last, and even that got off to a good start. He hit a perfect drive, tried to draw his second shot with a three-wood against the wind, but succeeded only in blocking it right into a tree and thence into a rhododendron bush.

He had only a two-foot backswing, he could not even see his ball, but he made enough contact to send it ten yards sideways and out of trouble. His wedge, from no more than 40 yards, drew to a halt seven feet short, and he missed the par putt.

"It was a great round until then," he said. "I had 220 yards to the front of the green, and it should have been no problem. You could put me in that spot ten times, and I'd probably birdie six of them. Today it was not meant to be, but you get good breaks and bad breaks in this game. I'm not complaining." Neither should he: his form in this tournament has been menacingly good, and he will take a deal of beating today.

He birdied the first from eight feet after hooking his four-iron second shot in against the wind. He picked up another shot on the next, holing out from 16 feet for a two. A ten-foot putt on the 7th helped him to the turn in 32, and he made further gains on the 11th from five feet and the 17th from six feet.

When Colin Montgomerie bogeyed three of the first six holes, he was one over par and out of the running. But yet again he proved his battling qualities to finish only three shots off the lead after a 69.

It seemed that recent putting problems were continuing when he three-putted the 3rd and 6th and missed an eight-foot par putt on the 5th. Then, all of a sudden, a putt dropped, a 20-footer on the 7th. "It was the longest one I've made for two months," he said. Thereafter, to demonstrate that the game within a game that is putting is largely a simple matter of confidence, he proceeded to hole from all over the place.

That he and Faldo are within striking distance will give the leaders no comfort as they walk onto the first tee today. On the other hand, they know that when Langer gets his teeth into a tournament, he is the very devil to shake off.

THIRD ROUND

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208: M Mouland 72, 71, 65. B Langer (Ger) 67, 73, 68. 209: P-U Johansson (Swe) 71, 69, 69. A Sherborne 68, 69, 72. 210: J M Cañizares (Sp) 69, 70, 71. N Faldo 67, 72, 71. 211: C Montgomerie 70, 72, 69. J Parnevik (Swe) 68, 73, 70. T Levet (Fr) 72, 68, 71. 212: M James 73, 72, 67; S Grappasonni (It) 72, 69, 71. M Besancenay (Fr) 70, 71, 71. P Senior (Aust) 68, 73, 73. S Struver (Ger) 69, 69, 74. P Walton 70, 68, 74. G Orr 70, 67, 75. 213: R Boxall 72, 71, 70; M McLean 70, M A Jiménez (Sp) 73, 69, 71. M Campbell (NZ) 69, 73, 71. G Brand Jr 73, 69, 71. J M Olazábal (Sp) 69, 72, 72. R Goosen (SA) 72, 67, 74. F Nobilo (NZ) 68, 68, 77



Langer drives on his way to a 68 and a share of the lead at Wentworth yesterday

Nicholas on course for first victory on US tour

ALISON NICHOLAS, of England, picked up four birdies in the last nine holes of her six-under 66 to take a two-shot lead over Pat Bradley in the LPGA Corning Classic golf tournament on Saturday.

Nicholas moved ahead of Bradley with a 20-foot downhill putt for a birdie at the 14th. In all she had seven birdies after a bogey at the first, and was on 203 after three rounds. Bradley, who led at the halfway mark, shot a two-under-par 70 for 205.

Nicholas has never won on the US LPGA Tour, where she made her debut in October 1989. Her best finish was runner-up in this tournament in 1993, when she lost on the first play-off hole to Kelly Robbins.

On Saturday she earned a share of the lead with a birdie at the par-four sixth, where Bradley bogeyed to drop to eight-under.

Nicholas took a one-shot lead at the 14th, made an eight-footer for a birdie at the 15th and then sank a 12-footer at the 18th to go 13 under. She nearly had a hole-in-one on the 191-yard 3rd, where her six-iron rolled across the green and hit the flagstick.

Rosie Jones, who shared the lead briefly at nine under, bogeyed two of her last three for a 70 and was tied for third with Beth Daniel and Barb Mucha on 208.

Hall takes title with well-timed birdie run

JULIE HALL timed a late charge to perfection to retain the English women's amateur title at Ipswich on Saturday. Hall had to call on all her expertise and local knowledge of the course where she is an honorary member to overcome Elaine Ratcliffe of Stirling University, 2 and 1.

Hall, 28, raced into a three-hole lead at the 8th with a glorious second shot, which left her with a birdie putt from four feet. She had taken the initiative at the short 3rd with a birdie to go one up and made an eagle at the par-five 7th by holing from 8ft.

However, Ratcliffe wiped out the three-hole advantage in a fightback helped by Hall taking three putts at the 9th and 11th. Ratcliffe drew level with a birdie at the 12th.

The next three holes were halved, before Hall scored a birdie at the 16th to go one up again. Ratcliffe, 22, using a three-wood from the tee, was 50 yards short after two shotsat the par-five 17th where Hall was on in two. Ratcliffe lipped the hole with her fourth shot only to miss the putt back. Hall, having got to five feet in three conceded the hole and the match.

There was some good news for Ratcliffe after the match, though. She learnt of her selection for England's European championships team in Italy next month.

Nemeth sees room for improvement

By Nicholas Harling

THE most significant basketball event to be staged in England, the European championship qualifying round, ended satisfactorily but not joyously for the hosts yesterday. Already assured of qualification for the semi-final round, which starts later this year, after coming from 10-1 down to beat Denmark 88-70 on Saturday, England failed to complete a clean sweep and lost 88-71 to Poland, the only other previously unbeaten nation.

The outcome of that final match in group A, at the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham, provided a timely reminder to the England coach, Laszlo Nemeth, that there is still much work to be done if his squad is to compete with the best on the Continent.

Whether or not the players were suffering from hangovers after celebrating their qualification the previous night, it probably made little difference.

Nemeth had plumped for almost his tallest squad, omitting the 6ft 1in Karl Brown at the last minute in favour of the 6ft 9in Trevor Gordon, but although he was subsequently to lose the 6ft 10in John Amaechi, who flew back to Penn State University after the 84-74 defeat of Georgia on Friday, Nemeth knew that was no excuse.

Amaechi had asked to return, not wishing to further jeopardise his chances of being drafted by a club in the National Basketball Association with any more disappointing contributions. "I did not beg him to stay," Nemeth said, knowing that he could happily dispense with the services of a player whose three games had yielded only 21 points.

Spencer Dunkley was the find of the tournament for England. Denmark had attempted to extend their hopes of qualification by subduing the flamboyant 6ft 9in forward, and, when the Poles followed suit, the ploy worked for them to better avail. Dunkley was enmeshed in a tight man-for-man defence, his chances of scoring from close quarters limited for so long that by the time he managed to break free with any frequency, Poland were romping ahead.

At half-time their lead was an overwhelming 51-33. Nemeth had used up both his time-outs in a five-minute period midway through the half but it was after the second one that his team's prospects improved ever so slightly.

The introduction Roger Huggins helped, and the impressive Kurt Samuels threatened to whittle down Poland's advantage entirely on his own from long range. The trouble was that England were ultimately forced to take on the Poles at close quarters, where there was no disputing that the 6ft 11in Adam Wojcik and the 6ft 9in Tomasz Jankowski were vastly superior.

Selectors' embarrassment put on hold

By Craig Lord

THE blushes of the wise men who worship at the altar of early Great Britain team trials may have been spared at the weekend, but red-face day may yet dawn for selectors before the summer is out judging by performances at the British Grand Prix final in Cardiff.

Take Mike Watkins, the Torfaen member who broke the 15-year-old Welsh record at 200 metres butterfly yesterday, and Jaime King. Neither quite matched the embarrassing efforts of Samantha Greenep in Athens two weeks ago, but it is not beyond the bounds of reason that they will emulate the tragedy of her situation before the European championships in Vienna in August.

Greenep, of Ferndown Otters, will stay at home this summer while others compete at the European championships, in spite of clocking the fastest 100 metres butterfly time by a Briton this year at the Akropolis Meeting. The British team for the Europeans was set in stone a month ago and there is no scope for additions to be made, according to a selection policy that cannot now be changed.

King, at 15 the baby of the British Olympic team in Barcelona almost three summers ago, yesterday could not surpass the splendid trials time of Marie Hardiman in the 100 metres breaststroke, but her lonely and unpressured 1min 12.99sec after the disappointment of her failure at the trials, courtesy of a winter illness, suggests that her best is yet to come this season.

King was not an obvious Olympian in the spring of 1992, but by the time of the Olympic trials in the summer she had come on in leaps and bounds.

She might have hoped for the same pattern this year after suffering a mystery virus that caused her to shed a stone and kept her out of the water for several critical weeks. Early trials cut her season short; had this been 1992, King would not have made the Olympic team.

Watkins's time of 2min 02.13sec marked a personal improvement of almost a second and was 0.13sec inside Paul Morris's 1980 standard, set at the Moscow Olympic Games. Few would doubt that the selection time of 2mins 00.65sec for the European championships, and the winning trials time of 2min 01.00sec, are not now within the Welshman's reach.

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SPORT IN BRIEF

Edinburgh success paves way to Paris

LARISA NEILAND and Meredith McGrath put the finishing touches to their preparations for the French Open tennis championships on Saturday by winning the World Cup doubles in Edinburgh (Alix Ramsay writes). The No 1 seeds from, respectively, Latvia and the United States, they did as the form book suggested by beating the second-ranked team of Rennae Stubbs, of Australia, and Manon Bollegraf, of Holland, 6-2, 7-6, although, after easily taking the first set in 23 minutes, they had to resist a determined recovery before securing victory.

Afterwards, McGrath admitted: "There was never a time when all four of us were playing at our best. In fact, it's a tough week to hold this event, right before the French. I don't know how that will affect the long-term future of it."

Fox badly injured

MOTOR RACING: The start of the Indianapolis 500 on Sunday was marred by a multi-car accident, as a result of Stan Fox's car appearing to lose control at the first turn and veering into the outside wall. The front of Fox's car was sheered off by the force of the impact and by a collision with Eddie Cheever. Huge chunks of debris and tyres damaged several other cars.

Fox, apparently unconscious once the debris had settled, was clearly visible through the front of what remained of the central tub of his car. He was surrounded by rescue crews who cut him out of the remains of the car and was subsequently taken to hospital with head injuries.

Edberg leads Cup win



TENNIS: Stefan Edberg, right, led Sweden to their third World Team Cup title with a 2-1 win over Croatia in Düsseldorf yesterday. Edberg claimed his fourth successive singles victory, beating Sasa Hirszon 6-4, 6-4 before teaming up with Jonas Bjorkman to claim a 4-6, 6-3, 6-3 doubles triumph over Goran Ivanisevic and Hirszon. He will now play in the French Open.

Arbi retains world title

BADMINTON: Heryanto Arbi, of Indonesia, surprisingly beaten in the All-England final two months ago, retained his world singles title with a brilliant display to beat Park Sung-Woo, of South Korea, 15-11, 15-8 in Lausanne, Switzerland, yesterday. Ye Zhaoying, of China, recaptured the women's singles title on Saturday with an 11-6, 11-0 win over her compatriot Han Jingna.

McQuaid keeps grip

CYCLING: Ireland's riders resisted the combined challenge of nine nations to win the FBD Milk Race, the country's major tour, for the 35th time in its 43-year history when Paul McQuaid, of the national team, took overall victory yesterday in the 800-mile race. McQuaid, who went into the lead at the end of Thursday's stage, won by a minute ahead of Dave Williams (Liverpool), the British champion.

Thompson heads grid

MOTOR RACING: James Thompson claimed pole position for the ninth round of the Auto Trader British touring car championship yesterday. The 21-year-old Vauxhall driver, who won his place at the head of the field for the two races at Oulton Park in Cheshire despite a 120mph accident 36 hours earlier, will be joined on the front of the grid by the championship leader, Rickard Rydell, of Sweden.

Allcock's team beaten



BOWLS: A heavy 29-10 defeat for the rink skipped by Tony Allcock, right, the world outdoor singles champion, gave the England selectors something to think about before the international series in Llanelli in July. The British champions were beaten 118-112 by a clutch of enthusiastic challengers in the national trials at New Lount, Leicestershire, yesterday.

Strong wind for Scottish

YACHTING: Three yachts were dismasted yesterday at the Rover Scottish Series regatta at Tarbet, Loch Fyne, but the remainder of the 1,500 competitors crewing 285 yachts survived winds up to 30 knots and driving rain to complete the middle distance race of the five-day series now at its half-way stage. In Class 0 all eyes look to Stephen Aird and his Regatta Team Scotland racing MacLeod's Isle of Skye.

Claymores miss out

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: The Scottish Claymores lost another close World League of American Football match on Saturday, this time 16-13 to the Barcelona Dragons, when victory seemed to be in their grasp. The winning points came from Scott Szeredy, who kicked a 49-yard field goal with 64 seconds remaining. It was their seventh loss in eight games and this was the fifth loss by a touchdown or less.

Kulcsar flourishes

FENCING: Krisztia Kulcsar, of Hungary, won the Charles Martel Trophy in the Poitier round of the men's epée World Cup event yesterday when he pushed Alexandr Beketov, of Russia, 15-14 into second place in an exciting final. The Olympic champion, Eric Srecki, of France, finished a disappointing fifth after a lacklustre quarter-final with Mikhail Tichko, of Ukraine.

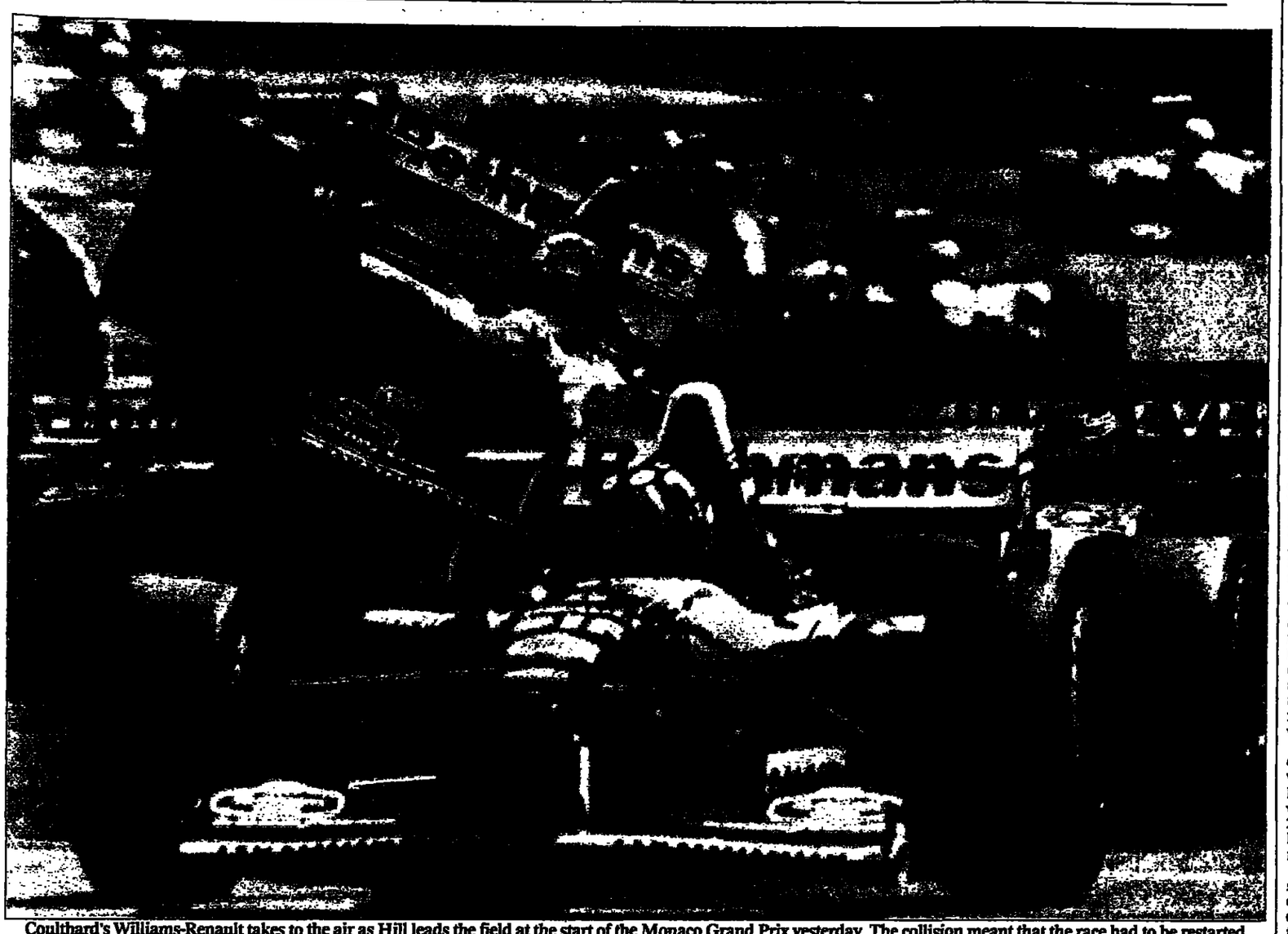
Brave Wales praised

LACROSSE: Wales were only 2-1 behind at half-time in their first official international against the United States in New Jersey at the weekend. The world champions moved up a gear after the interval to win 11-3 but the Welsh coach, Judy Nairn, rated it their best international performance. She singled out Julie-Anne Spiers, Philippa Carter and the goalkeeper, Karen Owen, for particular praise.

Kent targets top prize

SHOOTING: The English XX Club rifle championship ended its second day at Bisley yesterday with two of England's leading marksmen and John Howard Davies, the captain of the Welsh XX, ready for a close match at 900 and 1,000 yards for the Grand Aggregate today. Paul Kent, of Surrey, headed the aggregate over the first two days with 324.43 points, ahead of John Underwood and Davies.

Change in pit-stop strategy ends Briton's hopes in Monaco Grand Prix



Coulthard's Williams-Renault takes to the air as Hill leads the field at the start of the Monaco Grand Prix yesterday. The collision meant that the race had to be restarted

Hill's error fuels Schumacher's hopes

FROM OLIVER HOLT
IN MONACO

A BAND was belting out old Beatles numbers from Graham Hill's heyday at La Rascasse, and the owners of Rosie's Bar, where the driver they called the King of Monaco used to drink, had put up pictures of his son in anticipation of a sixth Formula One motor racing triumph in Monte Carlo for the family. It felt like a victory party all weekend.

Even Benetton and Michael Schumacher had been having a series of late nights because of the feeling that this was Damon Hill's year to win in the principality. They worked into the early hours each day of the weekend, desperately trying to recapture the advantage they had established in Barcelona a fortnight ago, frustrated by Hill's brilliance and perseverance at every turn.

Hill drove a devastating qualifying lap to claim pole position on Saturday, and survived a first-lap pile-up and subsequent restart to hold his lead into the early stages of the Monaco Grand Prix yesterday. Up to 24 laps into the race, it seemed that all was set fair, but then it fell apart for the Englishman.

Like many of the best parties here, it was ruined by an expensive gamble. Hill chose to make two refuelling stops to Schumacher's one, and it proved the decisive error. He kept ahead of the German at the start, happy with his narrow lead because he did not realise the world champion was driving with a heavier fuel load.

Hill was horror-struck when he made his first pit stop and Schumacher just kept on going. Schumacher tore away from him, and Hill never looked like catching him. Indeed, if Jean Alesi, in a Ferrari, had not crashed, Hill would probably have had to settle for third place.

Schumacher finished more than 34 seconds ahead of Hill, whose face was creased with disappointment as Prince Rainier presented Schumacher with the trophy Hill had coveted. Those who had been preparing themselves for a feast of nostalgia, an excuse to glory again in the memory of Graham Hill's exploits here, went home disappointed, and left the celebrations to the hordes of Germans camped out on the hillsides beneath the old town.

"We got our strategy horribly wrong, I'm afraid," Hill said. "I'm pretty cheesed off. It has happened before and it is making it too easy for Michael. Last night, we had decided we would do one stop, but after the warm-up this morning, we changed our minds and went for two.

"It is a long and hard race here anyway, and when you cannot make any impression on a guy who has got more fuel on board than you have, then it seems even longer. I was pretty disillusioned when I realised Michael was only doing one stop because I knew I had got a hard job on then.

"But the championship is still in its early stages and I am within striking distance of Michael. There are some tracks coming up which I think should favour Williams. So although I am bitterly disappointed today, I am pleased to be in touch."

The result marked another spectacular reversal of fortune for Benetton and their leading driver, another tribute to their tenacity and refusal to be downhearted in the face of apparent superiority by the Williams-Renault. Time and again, they seem to outwit Williams strategically, and Hill promised grimly that he would be seeking to address the problem.

The race was delayed for half an hour after David Coulthard, Hill's team-mate, was sandwiched between the two Ferraris going into the first corner. Their collision blocked the track, and the race had to be restarted.

Schumacher said that he guessed Hill would make two stops and tried to stay as close to him as possible in the early stages, pushing harder and harder as Hill eked out a narrow lead. Fortune favoured the German when backmarkers held up Hill and wiped out even that slender advantage.

Schumacher's solitary pit stop, on the 36th lap, went without a hitch. By then, Coulthard had already been forced to retire with a broken gearbox. Once Alesi, who collided with Martin Brundle's spinning Ligier Mugen-Honda on the 42nd lap when he was only 11 seconds behind, had been forced to retire, the German was never threatened again. It was his second successive win on the street circuit.

"It is special for anyone to win here," Schumacher said, "but it makes it even better to win in the way we have done. We have had to work very hard all over the weekend, but it has paid off and it is a tribute to the team. We calculated what would be the best pit-stop strategy and it worked out for us. Still, I was surprised that the margin of victory was so big.

"After our disastrous start to the season, I am very pleased that the car's performance is improving. We have more modifications to come, so things are looking good."

Schumacher's win leaves him five points clear of Hill at the head of the drivers' championship with five races gone. Gerhard Berger is in third place after his third consecutive podium finish behind Hill yesterday. Benetton are now four points clear of Williams at the head of the constructors' table, and Johnny Herbert's fourth place yesterday was another encouraging result as his season begins to take off.

Mark Blundell's fifth place, in the McLaren-Mercedes that proved such a trial for Nigel Mansell, should improve his chances of retaining the drive beyond the next grand prix, in Canada in two weeks.

FINAL POSITIONS: 1, M Schumacher (Ger), Benetton-Renault, 1hr 53min 11.258sec kph (85.52mph); 2, D Hill (GB), Williams-Renault, 34.817 sec behind; 3, G Berger (Austria), Ferrari, 1:11.447; 4, J Herbert (GB), Benetton-Renault, 77 laps completed; 5, M Blundell (GB), McLaren-Mercedes, 77; 6, H-H Frentzen (Ger), Sauber-Ford, 76; 7, P Martini (It), Minardi-Ford, 76; 8, J-C Boullion (Fr), Sauber-Ford, 76; 9, G Morbidelli (It), Footwork-Hart, 74; 10, P Diniz (Br), Forti-Ford, 72; 11, L Badoer (It), Minardi-Ford, 68; 12, O Panis (Fr), Ligier-Mugen, 65; 13, M J Salo (Fin), Tyrrell-Yamaha, 63; 14, R Barrichello (Br), Jordan-Peugeot, 60; 15, B Gachot (Fr), Pacific-Ford, 42; 16, J Alesi (Fr), Ferrari, 41; 17, M Brundle (GB), Ligier-Mugen, 40; 18, T Inoue (Japan), Footwork-Hart, 27; 19, U Katayama (Japan), Tyrrell-Yamaha, 26; 20, A Montermini (It), Pacific-Ford, 23; 21, E Irvine (Ire), Jordan-Peugeot, 22; 22, D Coulthard (GB), Williams-Renault, 18; 23, R Moreno (Br), Forti-Ford, 9; 24, M Hakkinen (Fin), McLaren-Mercedes, 8; 25, D Schiattarella (It), Simtek-Ford, 0; 26, J Verstappen (Hol), Simtek-Ford, 0.

CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS (after five rounds): Drivers: 1, Schumacher 34pts; 2, Hill 29; 3, Berger 17; 4, Alesi 14; 5, Herbert 12; 6, Coulthard 9; 7, Hakkinen 5; 8, Frentzen 4; 9, Blundell 3; 10, Irvine 2; 11, Panis 1. Constructors: 1, Benetton 38; 2, Williams 32; 3, Ferrari 31; 4, McLaren 8; 5, Sauber 4; 6, Jordan 2; 7, Ligier 1.

Benetton deducted ten points and Williams six for fuel irregularities

Guildford repeat league win to clinch cup victory

Guildford 4
Teddington 1

BY SYDNEY FRISKIN

GUILDFORD regained the Hockey Association Cup after 17 years with an exciting win over Teddington, the holders, in the final at Canterbury yesterday. Guildford defeated Teddington 4-1 in the National League last March, but Teddington went on to win the title. The pattern of both matches was the same with Teddington allowing chances to slip away and Guildford seizing them.

Guildford built their success on their powers of acceleration but two men laid the foundations to victory — Priday, with his splendid goalkeeping, and Jennings, with two late goals from short corners which finally silenced Teddington.

In the early minutes when Teddington forced two short corners, Priday rescued Guildford with brilliant saves from Billson and McGuire. Teddington maintained the pressure and failed to capitalise on a good chance set up in the nineteenth minute by Laslett when Sully miscued.

Before another minute had elapsed Guildford went ahead with a well-taken goal by Markham from a pass by Hall who increased the lead in the 26th minute after Cartmell had made the running on the right wing.

Almost on half-time, Billson scored on the follow-up from one of Teddington's four short corners, Cartmell having retired to the sidelines to have a hand injury dressed.

Teddington began the second half with McGuire leading the attack and the promise of an equaliser loomed large but, again, a chance was lost when Laslett cut through on his own and put a shot wide of the far post in the 51st minute.

Teddington's fortunes faded in the 58th minute when McGuire was suspended for a questionable tackle on Jennings who scored Guildford's third goal form a short corner three minutes later.

Priday made another good save from a short corner as Teddington doubled their efforts but Jennings was on target again to seal victory for Guildford who won the trophy in 1978. It was not a happy day for Teddington who lost one of their best forwards, Gibbins, who limped off in the early minutes and was replaced by D'Mello.

GUILDFORD: K Priday; S Mellon, T Robertson, J Barker, I Jennings, H Ferguson, G Cartmell, M Morris, D Hall, R Billstand, R Markham. Subs used: N Powell, C Burnell.

TEDDINGTON: G Meredith, P Way, P McGuire, J Wallis, A Colclough, R Irvine, J Laslett, T Moore, P Gibbins, S Nicklin, A Billson. Subs used: N D'Mello, M Sully.

Umpires: G Liddle and K Roper (Northern Counties).

Unfit Thorp struggles to become new counties champion

BY DAVID POWELL
ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

JUST as there are no easy matches in football's Premiership, there are no easy titles in British women's hurdling. Even with Sally Gunnell and Jacqui Agyepong absent, Angela Thorp had to defeat two European junior champions to win the United Kingdom inter-counties women's 100 metres hurdles at Bedford yesterday.

Thorp thus holds the distinction of being the last inter-area title winner, having won last year, and the first inter-counties champion of her event. Although these championships are the 55th for men, they are the first for women, who had competed previously under area rather than county banners.

After nine years at Corby as a one-day fixture, the inter-counties has a new home and a two-day schedule. Bedford Borough Council is putting in £21,000 over three years in addition to providing facilities and groundstaff.

The labour required to set out ten flights of hurdles was well rewarded as Thorp, Diane Allahgreen, the runner-up, and Keri Maddox, who was third, each beat 13.70sec, encouraging form for early season and in cross-winds. Thorp recorded 13.62sec, Allahgreen, the present European junior champion, 13.66sec, and Maddox, her predecessor, 13.69sec.

Thorp, aged 22, ran hardly at all during the second half of last year after suffering glandular fever and rubella, just after running a personal best of 13.32sec which set her sights on the Commonwealth Games. She has worked back but did not think she would be strong enough. "I am unfit, very unfit," Thorp said. When fitness comes she expects to run close to 13 seconds or under it. Gunnell's British record is 12.82sec.

Linford Christie did not appear to defend his 100 metres title and Owusu Dako took over his title with a victory in 10.54sec. The title at least belongs to the Christie school. Dako has joined Christie's training squad under Ron Roddan in London.

Neil Winter, the Commonwealth Games pole-vault champion, was dispossessed as championship record-holder, but for only ten minutes. Paul Williamson added five centimetres to Winter's 1993 record of 5.30m, but the Welshman then responded to win and set a new record with 5.40m.

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Fogarty turns up Superbike heat

Andrew Longmore visits Donington Park to witness the world champion extend his lead this season with a memorable double

Sitting in the bright red motorhome, arms frozen in mid-gesture, Virginio Ferrari, manager of the all-conquering Ducati works team, was sifting through his idiosyncratic English to find the right words to describe Carl Fogarty. "This is my personal opinion," he said as if worried his assessment would define the world Superbike champion for evermore. "Carl is like a volcano. He is very hot, very red inside, but he does not express that off the track. He does not speak out much. The explosion comes when he races."

At Donington Park, scene of the Lancastrian's most famous exploits and biggest disappointments, the heat burnt all Fogarty's rivals yesterday. Fogarty won both the 26-lap races in the third round of the 1995 Superbike world motorcyling championship, garnering a further 50 points in defence of his world title and increasing his lead in the championship to 68 points with only a quarter of the season gone.

Even Fogarty, whose economy with the English language makes Kenny Dalglish seem chatty, managed a smile and a rare burst of flag-waving enthusiasm at the end of it. "There is no bigger race than here at Donington and to win twice in front of my home crowd is fantastic," he said.

Fogarty, Blackburn born and bred, is as much of a hero to the bike brigade as Nigel Mansell ever was to the boy racers and his communion with them is every bit as personal. He does not have to say anything fancy to excite admiration, he just has to race which he does with an intensity so complete even his team manager looks a trifle cowed. "A fighter-rider," Ferrari calls his man: someone who rides flat out every lap, be it in practice, qualifying or race.

"With Carl, the clock tells you everything you need to know about the state of the bike. He goes out on the track and opens the gas. He makes it look so easy, yet see him close up at a corner and his body is very nervous, like a horse, and the changes of balance are very quick." And he flicks the palm of his hand over one way then the other to illustrate the point.

Ferrari recalls a race at Misano last season, in which Fogarty finished fifth with a broken hand. "That revealed more about Carl's soul than any number of words. I know how painful that must have been and yet he was as quick as he was before."

In Ferrari's mind, Fogarty belongs in a very rare class of champion, inhabited by such as Barry Sheene, Kenny Roberts and Kevin Schwantz. The problem is that he rides not under the glamorous lights of 500cc grand prix racing but in the more shadowy, down-home, world of the Superbike, which for all its increasing popularity among enthusiasts able to recognise their own machines on the track, has yet to capture the imagination of a wider audience.

The Superbike is motorcycling's equivalent of the Indy car, heavier, a second or so slower a lap, but more fun to watch. A crowd of 22,000 at Donington almost matched recent figures for the 500cc grand prix but, judging by the number of Union Jacks and banners proclaiming Britain's first bike champion since Sheene, if Fogarty defects to grand prix racing — as he might, money and politics permitting — his followers might well go with him much as Mansell's did when he left Formula One.

Unlike his predecessor Sheene, though, Fogarty's appeal cannot easily be turned into advertisement for aftershave or deodorant. Sheene once made bike racing fashionable. But the similarity between the two begins with the blue eyes and ends in a common talent. Fogarty is the biker's biker, tough and uncompromising, and all those who rode their way back down the M1 yesterday evening, fuelled by fantasy, will hope the volcano keeps rumbling for another year or two.



JEAN HERBERT

Fogarty, riding a Ducati, leads third-placed Jamie Whitham in his first race yesterday

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Fast bowler's search for rhythm mirrors West Indies' quest for confidence

Ambrose troubled by demons of doubt



SIMON BARNES
At Lord's

SELF-BELIEF is a balloon: one tiny hole and the whole damn thing has gone. It has to be complete, or it does not exist at all. How do you set about rebuilding a pricked balloon?

Talk to Graeme Hick about self-confidence and Curtly Ambrose. Ambrose almost destroyed Hick as a batsman, as a human being. Ambrose, with the monolithic support of the West Indian mutual self-belief system behind him, made a deliberate assault on Hick's body and mind. Every run Hick has made since is a kind of tribute to both men.

Ambrose is cricket's great inspirer of self-doubt. He is part of the seamless tradition of West Indian in-your-face cricket. He is the man who can let loose the demons and set them to run amok through the minds of the opposition.

But, perhaps bored by the routine of mayhem, the demons have now turned on Ambrose. Not a wicket to his name in this Texaco Trophy one-day series; an awful lot of scowling, self-castigating walks back to his mark, an awful lot of moody brooding in the long grass.

It is not just Ambrose. Self-doubt has affected the entire side. Yesterday an outbreak of ragged fielding spread like a disease through the team. It seems that, in the same way, the pox of self-doubt continues to run through the team at a gallop.

Self-belief is the most elusive thing in sport. It is an infinitely fragile thing that makes you — at least for a time — indestructible. West Indies had patented a method of passing self-belief from player to player, from generation to generation.

When one great player went, another came. Each new player arrived confident, achieved confidence, and had still more confidence thrust upon him. It seemed that this would never change; and it has.

That is why this one-day series has been almost important. It is normally a *nouvelle cuisine* hors-d'oeuvre, a bit of filo pastry, a slice of kiwi, three swallows and that's it. This time it has been serious. After losing a Test series to Australia, West Indies need to refind the rhythm of self-belief, the eleven-man certainty that has overwhelmed country after country, turn and turn about, for 15 years.

Ambrose against Michael Atherton on an Ambrose-friendly pitch: a grapple to set the tone for the summer. In the first hour, Atherton played and missed a dozen times, but there is no scorer's mark for a moral victory.

Ambrose failed to nab him, and Atherton moved forward into one of those brief, blissful periods of distilled confidence that come rarely even to the best of batsmen, when nobody can bowl at him, and nobody even wants to try. Not even Curtly.

Instead, Ambrose bowled eight no-balls, always the give-away sign of a fast bowler struggling for rhythm or for confidence, which are much the same thing anyway. Each no-ball was followed by more self-berating, the run up becoming a self-conscious, choppy stride. Nor was it just Ambrose. He just feels it more, being the main man. Ten no-balls in total; nine wides.

Nor is the malaise all bowling. It is just that the West Indian strength has for years been fast bowling, the very place where decline seemed unthinkable.

The fielding crumbled: yesterday the England batters were able to get away with things. In the latter part of the innings, they put pressure on the field and collected free runs in consequence.

Batting completes the circle of self-doubt. Lara was out for 11 in what was almost a caricature; Hooper scratched and grafted for an eternity; meanwhile, Richardson seems to sink further and further down the order.

Not yet, anyway. But some individuals, sense, teams, emerge still stronger from a period of troubles. Hick might agree with this; Atherton most certainly will, as yesterday he performed the unfamiliar action of hitting a West Indian quick bowler for six.

It might not even take that much; a moist morning for the bowlers, a true track for the batsmen, a single session of pure Lara, perhaps just a single wicket of pure Curtly. West Indies are quite capable of conquering their personal demons. Then there will be the devil to pay.

MARC ASPLAND



Hick is bowled after making room to force the off spin of Hooper through the off side at Lord's yesterday

Gloucestershire thwarted in thrilling climax



Moody: punishing

BY SIMON WILDE

GLOUCESTER (Gloucestershire won toss): Worcestershire (4pts) beat Gloucestershire on faster scoring rate

WORCESTERSHIRE have turned themselves into formidable one-day specialists, which is just as well because their championship form is dire. They won £62,000 in one-day prize-money last year, and are on course to pull in another substantial sum over the next few months. A thrilling win over Gloucestershire yesterday maintained their 100 per cent record in the Axa Equity & Law League.

For much of the day, it looked as though they would win with ease, but Gloucestershire's target of 226 was reduced by two rainfalls — the second after only four balls of their innings — to 181 from 32 overs, and even though they lost wickets at regular intervals, they remained in distant touch with their target.

With nine overs remaining, they needed 84 runs to win with five wickets in hand, several top-order batsmen having got out to rash strokes. Symonds and Russell took 23 runs from the next two overs, and although Symonds was then bowled by Radford — who would finish with five wickets — Russell had by then got the bit between his teeth.

With a series of brilliantly improvised strokes, he and Ball took 17 runs off the thirtieth over, from Radford, ten off the 31st, from Newport, and — with 14 needed — 11 off the first five balls of the final over, from Radford. With three runs needed, Ball hit the ball cleanly to wide long-on, but Moody raced round the boundary to taking a fine tumbling catch.

Russell, who must take much of the credit for Gloucestershire's own excellent limited-overs form this season, finished unbeaten on 56, made from 36 balls and containing one six and six fours.

Not for the first time, a challenging Worcestershire total was founded on a century stand between Curtis and Moody. They have often done so as opening partners — including six times during the 1991 season, when Moody amassed a record 917 runs in the competition — but yesterday they did not come together until the tenth over, when the promising Church was caught on the boundary hooking.

In fewer than 18 overs, Curtis and Moody put on 110, and while the fielders retained their composure, some of the bowlers did not. Srinath, not for the first time, found accuracy more elusive in his second spell, and Ball's first over went for 13, although he was to recover well. Gloucestershire were further disrupted by an injury to Smith, who damaged his hand attempting a return catch.

Moody struck 65 from 62 balls, with nine fours, and was removed only through a sharply executed stumping by Russell. He might have been caught by Lynch at short midwicket when 34, but needed no further invitation to reach his third half-century in three Sunday league outings this season. He was replaced by Haynes, who was no less fierce in his hitting in making a run-a-ball 40 out of 63 added with Curtis in 11 overs. Curtis batted through his side's innings of 225 for three to finish unbeaten on 82.

Barwick keeps control

BY JACK BAILEY

TUNBRIDGE WELLS: Glamorgan (4pts) beat Kent by 11 runs

CRICKET balls were at a premium when Kent, unbeaten in the AXA Equity & Law Sunday League, thus far, took on Glamorgan, who know a thing or two about playing this variation of the game. In a match reduced by rain to 23 overs a side, the ball kept clearing the tents on the Nevill ground and having to be replaced.

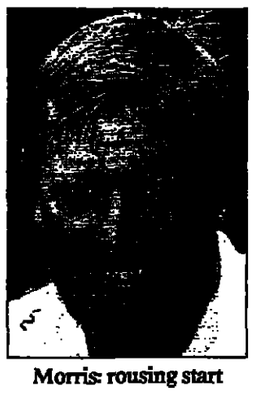
Batsmen of both teams shared the blame. Morris, of Glamorgan, Fleming and Ealham, of Kent, but in the end it was Glamorgan who won the day in a desperately exciting finish, keeping their heads as Kent reached the stage of needing only 17 runs from the last two overs after they had fallen well behind the asking rate and six wickets were down for 105.

While first Fleming, then Ealham, were in full flow it was tempting to believe that nothing could stop them. But then Barwick's persistence and coolness under pressure paid off. He had been the main sufferer when Fleming took the bit between his teeth and Maynard dropped a sitter off him on the mid-wicket boundary.

But as Glamorgan held their catches so Barwick became the main beneficiary and finished, deservedly, with the excellent figures of 6 for 49 — a match-winning performance as it turned out.

For once, Graham Cowdrey failed to make his mark in a Sunday League match, but with Fleming and Ealham in such rip-roaring form Glamorgan were greatly relieved that he did not.

Ealham's 47 from only 24 balls included no fewer than four sixes and while he was at the crease Kent emerged from the direst of positions into a brief period where they were firm favourites to win.



Morris: rousing start

Glamorgan had done well to reach 180 after being put in to bat on a wicket where the bounce was the main factor inhibiting fast scoring. They were given a rattling good start by Morris, who set about swinging in the rain to great effect.

He dealt severely with all the Kent bowling, none more drastically than that of Igglesden, struggling without success to find form after a spell of injuries. Morris hoisted him for two sixes to long leg, clearing the assembled tented village with ease.

Another six and two fours, featured in the Glamorgan captain's innings as both Igglesden and Ealham suffered further indignities before rain drove the players off the field with Glamorgan on 52 for no wicket, Morris with 35 against his name and Glamorgan riding high.

With the game now reduced to 23 overs a side, Glamorgan could afford to let rip without hindrance. James continued to play the bridesmaid, this time to Cottey, hero, with Maynard, of Glamorgan's brave attempt to win the championship match which finished here on Saturday. Maynard was quickly out on this occasion but Cottey employing every part of the bat, including the bottom edge, put the Kent attack to rout.

Even Headley, who took the first three wickets and four in all, felt the full power of little Cottey's bat which bought him 50 from 54 balls. A bristling innings by Dale, run out off the last ball of the innings for 36, took Glamorgan to 180 exactly and left Kent the sizeable task of making their runs at 7.83 per over. It proved beyond them, but only just.

Lancashire keep up pace

BY IVO TENNANT

THERE has been much talk already this season of Lancashire possessing the requisite balance, to say nothing of the talent, to contest the county championship in a more serious manner than for many a year. In the Benson and Hedges Cup they have amassed more than sufficient runs to reach the semi-finals. But what of the AXA Equity & Law League? Merely four wins out of four and the leadership of the table.

How long they can this up for is quite another matter. All too often in recent years, this proud county has promised considerably more than they have achieved. It is of great importance to them that when their England players are away, as Atherton, Fairbrother and Martin were yesterday, those who take their places are not found wanting. This week Lancashire have been playing at Liverpool, where strength in depth is taken for granted.

That is the case at Anfield. At Aigburth and, yesterday, at Old Trafford, lesser known names have been to the fore. Nottinghamshire were beaten by four wickets on account of an unbeaten half-century by Lloyd, the son of the coach, who was given the necessary support from Austin, a chunky all-rounder better known for his bowling. And with Glamorgan beating Kent at Tunbridge Wells and Surrey not playing, Lancashire have a clear lead of the table.

By contrast, the 40-overs game has not always been to Leicestershire's liking. This season, however, they have won three matches including that against Durham yesterday. In a rain-affected affair at Grace Road, Leicestershire won on a faster scoring rate. Durham simply did not make enough runs: Larkins hit 42 off 48 balls with a six and six fours before he was brilliantly caught in the deep by Cronje. The medium-pace of Maddy, who had previously bowled just five overs in this competition, was also their undoing. He took the wickets of Morris, Longley and Ligertwood at scant cost.

Leicestershire's target was a modest one. Needing 161, they lost Briers to Killeen, of whom little is known to batsmen beyond his potential. This was his debut. But a partnership between Cronje and Wells was sufficient. Leicestershire reached their revised target through Wells making an unbeaten 66 off 78 balls with eight fours.

Northamptonshire gained their first points of the season when their match against Yorkshire at Sheffield was abandoned owing to heavy rain. At this point, Bailey, Northamptonshire's acting captain, was making some progress with Sales, who last year at the age of 16 and 289 days became the youngest batsman to score a half-century in this competition. They put on 56 in nine overs, a partnership that proved to be in vain.

Hampshire suffered another defeat, albeit by a narrow margin. Sussex beat them at Portsmouth by just eight runs. Nicholas, their captain, who, until his side beat Sussex in the championship on Saturday had not achieved a victory in any competition, batted — or rather battled — as well as anybody. But his half-century was not sufficient. Stephenson, the Sussex Stephenson that is, took four wickets. Hampshire, needing 57 to win off the last six overs with four wickets remaining, looked on course for victory when Nicholas and Heath Streak, the Zimbabwean, took 13 off an Ed Giddins over, but Ian Salisbury, the stand-in Sussex captain, recalled Stephenson to the attack and he cleaned up the lower order.

He had Streak brilliantly caught by Salisbury running back from mid-off then removed Nicholas, for 66, and Connor in the last over. Jason Lewry, the left-arm seamer, began Hampshire's collapse by removing John Stephenson and Robin Smith.

A gritty 39 from Neil Lenham, 32 off 34 balls from John North and some big-hitting at the finish from Salisbury and Moores enabled Sussex to pass 200.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

AXA Equity & Law League

Leicestershire v Durham

LEICESTER (Durham won toss): Leicestershire (4pts) beat Durham on faster run rate

DURHAM

*M A Roseberry c Pierson b Parsons	11
W Larkins c Maddy b Cronje	42
M Prabhakar c Whitaker b Pierson	28
M Saxelby c Maddy b Cronje	0
J E Morris lbw b Maddy	15
J I Longley c Nixon b Maddy	26
†D G C Ligertwood c Pierson b Maddy	3
J Boiling not out	5
N Killeen st Nixon b Pierson	5
S J E Brown b Mullally	6
M M Betts not out	0
Extras (lb 7, w 12)	19
Total (9 wkts, 40 overs)	160

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-29, 2-75, 3-76, 4-88, 5-120, 6-135, 7-144, 8-150, 9-160.

BOWLING: Parsons 5-0-20-1; Mullally 8-0-22-1; Millns 4-0-27-0; Cronje 8-1-19-2; Pierson 8-0-34-2; Maddy 7-1-31-3.

LEICESTERSHIRE

V J Wells not out	66
*N E Briers c Boiling b Killeen	22
W J Cronje not out	30
Extras (lb 3, w 3, nb 2)	8
Total (1 wkt, 25 overs)	126

D L Maddy, J J Whitaker, B F Smith, †P A Nixon, D J Millns, G J Parsons, A R K Pierson and A D Mullally did not bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-43.

BOWLING: Prabhakar 4-1-11-0; Brown 5-0-22-0; Killeen 5-1-31-1; Betts 5-0-21-0; Saxelby 4-0-20-0; Boiling 2-0-18-0.

Umpires: J D Bond and R Julian.

Kent v Glamorgan

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent won toss): Glamorgan (4pts) beat Kent by 11 runs

GLAMORGAN

S P James b Headley	29
*H Morris c Cowdrey b Headley	38
M P Maynard b Headley	8
P A Cottey b Headley	52
D L Hemp c Igglesden b McCague	1
A Dale run out	36
R D B Croft not out	7
Extras (b 1, lb 4, w 4)	9
Total (6 wkts, 23 overs)	180

R P Lefebvre, †C P Metson, S L Watkin and S R Barwick did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-61, 2-76, 3-107, 4-112, 5-165, 6-180.

BOWLING: Igglesden 4-0-32-0; Ealham 3-0-14-0; Headley 8-0-59-4; McCague 6-0-48-1; Fleming 2-0-22-0

KENT

T R Ward c Metson b Barwick	32
*M R Benson c Morris b Lefebvre	6
M J Walker lbw b Lefebvre	13
P A de Silva c Lefebvre b Watkin	4
G R Cowdrey c Hemp b Barwick	0
M V Fleming c Dale b Barwick	36
M A Ealham c Maynard b Barwick	47
†S A Marsh c Lefebvre b Barwick	16
M J McCague run out	1
D W Headley c Lefebvre b Barwick	0
A P Igglesden not out	1
Extras (lb 12, w 1)	13
Total (22.3 overs)	169

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-45, 3-54, 4-63, 5-64, 6-105, 7-164, 8-166, 9-167.

BOWLING: Watkin 8-0-58-1; Lefebvre 7.3-0-50-2; Barwick 7-0-49-6.

Umpires: H D Bird and N T Plews.

Hampshire v Sussex

PORTSMOUTH (Hampshire won toss): Sussex (4pts) beat Hampshire by eight runs

SUSSEX

K Greenfield c Nicholas b James	11
J W Hall b James	8
†D Stephenson c Aymes b James	6
N J Lenham c Maru b Connor	39
J A North c Aymes b Stephenson	32
K Newell c Nicholas b Streak	37
*I J Salisbury not out	34
†D K Salisbury b Connor	22
P W Jarvis not out	1
Extras (lb 5, w 9, nb 2)	16
Total (7 wkts, 40 overs)	206

J Lewry and E S H Giddins did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-26, 3-34, 4-91, 5-141, 6-152, 7-202.

BOWLING: Connor 8-0-47-2; James 8-0-35-4; Streak 8-0-36-0, Maru 8-0-27-0; Stephenson 8-0-56-1.

HAMPSHIRE

J P Stephenson c Moores b Lewry	12
R S M Morris c Moores b Stephenson	35
R A Smith b Lewry	2
V P Terry c Moores b Giddins	3
G W White c Moores b Giddins	3
*M C J Nicholas b Stephenson	66
†A N Aymes b Lewry	19
H H Streak c Salisbury b Stephenson	19
K D James not out	18
C A Connor c Greenfield b Stephenson	2
Extras (lb 8, w 11)	19
Total (9 wkts, 40 overs)	198

R J Maru did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17, 2-45, 3-62, 4-66, 5-80, 6-129, 7-165, 8-196, 9-198.

BOWLING: Newell 4-0-21-0; Lewry 8-0-44-3; Giddins 8-1-35-2; Stephenson 8-0-37-4, Salisbury 5-0-24-0; Jarvis 5-0-16-0, Greenfield 2-0-13-0.

Umpires: V A Holder and P B Wight.

Lancashire v Nottinghamshire

OLD TRAFFORD (Lancashire won toss): Lancashire (4pts) beat Nottinghamshire by four wickets

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

M P Dowman c Hegg b Wasim	13
*R T Robinson c Watkinson b Yates	63
P Johnson b Austin	28
C L Cairns c Watkinson b Yates	27
G F Archer not out	27
K P Evans run out	7
Extras (lb 5, w 2)	7
Total (5 wkts, 39 overs)	172

J R Wileman, G W Mike, †W M Noon, J E Hindson and R A Pick did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-44, 2-103, 3-113, 4-157, 5-172.

BOWLING: Austin 8-1-38-1; Chapple 7-0-26-0; Watkinson 8-0-32-0; Wasim Akram 8-0-33-1; Yates 8-1-38-2.

LANCASHIRE

J E R Gallian c Archer b Evans	0
S P Titchard c Hindson b Cairns	14
J P Crawley b Evans	7
N J Speak c Noon b Cairns	22
G D Lloyd not out	59
*M Watkinson st Noon b Hindson	19
Wasim Akram run out	4
I D Austin not out	36
Extras (lb 3, w 5, nb 4)	12
Total (6 wkts, 38 overs)	173

†W K Hegg, G Chapple and G Yates did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-12, 3-48, 4-49, 5-79, 6-94.

BOWLING: Evans 7-2-26-2; Pick 8-1-17-0; Mike 8-0-44-0; Cairns 8-0-37-2 Hindson 6-0-35-1; Willeman 1-0-11-0

Umpires: G I Burgess and K E Palmer.

Essex v Middlesex

CHELMSFORD (Middlesex won toss): Essex (4pts) beat Middlesex by two runs

ESSEX

*P J Prichard c and b Gatting	54
M E Waugh c Brown b Feltham	19
N Hussain st Brown b Gatting	13
G A Gooch c Feltham b Gatting	50
R C Irani lbw b Tufnell	4
D D J Robinson not out	13
J J B Lewis c Weekes b Gatting	5
Extras (lb 8, w 10, nb 2)	20
Total (6 wkts, 37 overs)	178

†R J Rollins, S J W Andrew, P M Such and D M Cousins did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-49, 2-99, 3-108, 4-121, 5-171, 6-178.

BOWLING: Johnson 7-0-50-0; Nash 6-0-18-0; Feltham 8-0-25-1; Tufnell 8-0-33-1; Gatting 8-0-44-4.

MIDDLESEX

M A Feltham b Cousins	23
J C Pooley c Rollins b Irani	10
P N Weekes run out	7
J D Carr b Irani	10
*M W Gatting c Prichard b Andrew	46
†K R Brown lbw b Irani	10
P Farbrace b Waugh	26
D J Nash run out	10
R L Johnson b Andrew	8
T A Radford not out	2
P C R Tufnell not out	1
Extras (b 1, lb 12, w 10)	23
Total (9 wkts, 37 overs)	178

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-43, 2-48, 3-80, 4-84, 5-95, 6-142, 7-158, 8-167, 9-174.

BOWLING: Cousins 8-1-29-1; Andrew 7-0-49-2; Waugh 8-0-30-1; Such 8-1-23-0; Irani 8-0-32-3.

Umpires: B Dudleston and B Leadbeater

Yorkshire v Northamptonshire

SHEFFIELD (Yorkshire won toss): Match abandoned. Yorkshire and Northamptonshire gain two points each.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

A Fordham lbw b Hartley	7
D J Capel c Stemp b Milburn	18
K M Curran c Vaughan b Milburn	4
T C Walton b Bevan	39
*R J Bailey not out	43
D J Sales not out	27
Extras (b 2, lb 4, w 1)	7
Total (4 wkts, 31.4 overs)	145

†R J Warren, N A Mallender, J N Snape, A Kumble and J P Taylor did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-18, 3-41, 4-87.

BOWLING: Milburn 8-1-29-2; Hartley 6.4-0-29-1; Robinson 8-1-23-0; Stemp 3-0-19-0; White 6-0-32-0; Bevan 2-0-7-1.

YORKSHIRE: *D Byas, M P Vaughan, M G Bevan, C White, †R J Blakey, A A Metcalfe, S Parker, P J Hartley, R D Stemp, S M Milburn and M A Robinson.

Umpires: T E Jesty and A G T Whitehead.

Gloucestershire v Worcestershire

GLOUCESTER (Gloucestershire won toss). Worcestershire (4pts) beat Gloucestershire on faster run rate

WORCESTERSHIRE

*T S Curtis not out	82
M J Church c Dawson b Cooper	17
T M Moody st Russell b Ball	65
G R Haynes c and b Srinath	40
D A Leatherdale not out	8
Extras (lb 1, w 4, nb 8)	13
Total (3 wkts, 40 overs)	225

†S J Rhodes, S R Lampitt, V S Solanki, P J Newport, R K Illingworth and N V Radford did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-35, 2-145, 3-208.

BOWLING: Srinath 8-1-44-1, Cooper 8-1-35-1; Smith 7.4-1-40-0; Ball 8-0-44-1; Dawson 0.2-0-2-0, Allayne 8-0-69-0

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

A J Wright b Illingworth	39
G D Hodgson lbw b Haynes	4
M A Lynch b Lampitt	21
R I Dawson c Rhodes b Radford	15
M W Alleyne c and b Radford	3
A Symonds b Radford	11
*†R C Russell not out	56
J Srinath c Moody b Radford	1
M C J Ball c Moody b Radford	15
Extras (b 2, lb 2, w 3, nb 6)	13
Total (8 wkts, 32 overs)	178

K E Cooper and A M Smith did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17, 2-63, 3-78, 4-89, 5-91, 6-122, 7-130, 8-178.

BOWLING. Newport 8-0-41-0, Haynes 4-0-13-1; Lampitt 6-0-31-1; Illingworth 8-0-32-1; Radford 8-0-57-5.

Umpires: J W Holder and B J Meyer.

Warwickshire v Somerset

EDGBASTON (Somerset won toss) Warwickshire (4pts) beat Somerset on faster run rate

WARWICKSHIRE

N V Knight c Trescothick b Trump	23
N M K Smith lbw b Trump	71
A J Moles c Harden b Trump	32
R G Twose c Trescothick b Hallett	58
*D A Reeve not out	17
P A Smith b Kerr	20
T L Penney c Holloway b Kerr	9
D R Brown b Kerr	0
†K J Piper not out	2
Extras (b 8, lb 14, w 6)	28
Total (7 wkts, 40 overs)	260

G C Small and T A Munton did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-68, 2-129, 3-147, 4-213, 5-245, 6-258, 7-258.

BOWLING: Rose 8-0-45-0; Ecclestone 4-1-19-0; Hallett 4-0-47-1, Kerr 8-0-52-3, Trump 8-1-37-3; Mushtaq Ahmed 8-1-38-0.

SOMERSET

M E Trescothick c Piper b Munton	4
M N Lathwell c Piper b Munton	15
*P D Bowler c Piper b P A Smith	34
R J Harden c N M K Smith b P A Smith	31
G D Rose c Penney b Munton	49
S C Ecclestone not out	31
Mushtaq Ahmed not out	4
Extras (lb 6, w 6, nb 4)	16
Total (5 wkts, 29 overs)	177

J C Hallett, †P C L Holloway, J I D Kerr and H R J Trump did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-18, 3-84, 4-85, 5-171.

BOWLING: Reeve 7-0-35-0; Munton 8-1-45-3; Small 8-2-31-0; P A Smith 6-0-60-2.

Umpires: J H Harris and K J Lyons.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Kidmore End: Shropshire 182-5dec and 10-0. Berkshire 137 (Altab Habib 76; M J Marvell 6 for 13). Stearford: Hertfordshire 230-7dec (N Wright 81 not out, R Smith 67) and 29-0. Lincolnshire 231-4dec (P Heseltine 82, P Rawdon 50 not out).

WORD WATCHING

Answers from page 32

DECARNATION
(c) Deliverance from the flesh or from carnality, from the Latin past participle *dēcarnātus* stripped of flesh, *carn-em* flesh. "God's incarnation enableth man for his own decarnation, as I may say, and devesture of carnality."

ESALON
(b) The name of a bird of prey, "the rust-kite or moor-buzzard" (Lewis and Short) "the merlin" (Liddell and Scott); in context of the first quotation it is said to be the smallest of the buzzard kind.

DWINE
(a) To waste or pine away, to decline in vigour, languish, fade, wither. Old English from an original Teutonic strong verb.

DESPECTION
(a) A looking down upon, despising, from the Latin *despectiō-em, despicere* to look down upon.

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 Qxd4! wins after 1 ... Rxd4 2 Rxg6+ hxg6 3 Rxd4. A mistake would be 1 Rxd4 Qxe6 2 Rxd5 Qe1+ 3 Kh2 Qh4+ 4 Kg1 Qe1+ and Black obtains a perpetual check draw.

Time for counties to draw the line at spineless surrender



Alan Lee argues that a change to the bonus points system would benefit all levels of English cricket

When the time comes, this autumn, for the counties to overhaul the domestic programme, they would be well advised to reflect on the spineless cricket played on the last Saturday in May, and to conclude that there is a simple measure available to restore resilience to players who have become dangerously fatalistic. In short, they must be re-educated in the value of the draw.

The modern English county cricketer has either forgotten how to battle for a draw or, in many cases, never known the need. Since the onus in championship cricket was shifted absolutely to achieving a positive result, teams who find they cannot win have grown inured to defeat. Hence the latest example of the subconscious "let's-get-it-over-with" mentality, luridly demonstrated at Gloucester, Leicester and Portsmouth this weekend.

At each venue, games were conceded well within the third day by teams — Worcestershire, Durham and Sussex respectively — who had suffered a heavy first-innings deficit and considered that they had nothing left to detain them. Of 35 completed matches in the championship this season, only three have been drawn. Positive cricket is an admirable concept, but there is evidence of a mental frailty with consequences beyond the county game.

It has been a recurring complaint of Michael Atherton, the England captain, that his team has not fought doggedly enough for survival when victory has been beyond it. This is not a coincidence but a bad habit that has crept insidiously to acceptability at county level. To some extent, this explains the erratic results of the England team — occasionally brilliant, too often prone to spectacular, snowballing collapses, and very seldom capable of the attritional cricket that can gain a draw from an unpromising position.

The answer lies below the Test team and part of it, at least, can be swiftly supplied by doing away with the obsolete system of bonus points in championship fixtures and reintroducing points for draws. Priority must remain loaded in favour of winning, of course, but offering two points for a draw, as opposed to ten for a victory, would install the incentive to play properly and committedly over the full four-day span.

If this scoring system had been in operation last season, Warwickshire would still have won the championship comfortably, by 30 points, but Leicestershire, who drew only two of their 17 games and lost some in startlingly feeble fashion, would have finished fifth rather than second. The runners-up position would have gone to Northamptonshire, who won the same number of games as Leicestershire but lost three fewer.

In a four-day game, there is simply no need for bonus points, and most counties now disregard them in their approach. Sadly, they have also come to disregard the cricketing prerequisite of sustaining a fight in adversity, and it is this which needs to be addressed if the reputation of the county game, as a protector of the soft and complacent, is not to be firmly endorsed.

Of the games to end prematurely on Saturday, the most predictable was at Leicester, where Durham were beaten for the fourth consecutive week. The optimism with which they began the season, prompted by a new captain and a new ground, has rapidly dissipated, not least because Mike Roseberry, the captain, is finding runs so elusive. Only John Morris is sustaining the batting, and unless things improve, Durham could be back where they began their first-class life, rooted to the foot of the table.

Sussex have made a curious start, outplaying Kent and Essex at Hove but disintegrating when faced by imposing first-innings totals against Derbyshire and Hampshire. Self-belief has long been their failing; without Alan Wells, as they have been this week, the problem is amplified. But for Mark Nicholas, the Hampshire captain, the win by an innings and 106 runs on Saturday brought immense relief, for what is probably his final season in charge was at risk of terminal decline before the start of June.

Gloucestershire are the team of the moment, a fact that is a tribute to the way Jack Russell has moulded and motivated in his first month as captain, and they saw off a disappointing Worcestershire without fuss. The other emerging forces, Yorkshire and Lancashire, are not having things quite their own way, however, and while Lancashire may run out of time against Nottinghamshire today, Yorkshire's prospects of avoiding defeat against the leaders, Northamptonshire, are remote.

Thrilling finish vindicates Kent captain's judgment of declaration

Glamorgan tempted by Benson's bait

BY IVO TENNANT

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (final day of four): Kent (7pts) drew with Glamorgan (8)

JUDGING the moment to make a declaration is one of the most difficult aspects of leadership. In *The Art of Captaincy*, considered as authoritative a treatise as any on the subject, Mike Brearley wrote that a captain should be far more willing to take a risk in county cricket than in a Test match.

Brearley's reasoning was that a single defeat in a Test series could well be more damaging. County cricket runs for the course of a summer, as the Kent captain will gladly remind you. His declaration on Saturday was far from an easy one to judge: the Glamorgan openers were in form, there was Maynard and a slogger or two to follow. The pitch was a credit to a club that stages one championship match all season.

There were dark mutterings from the Glamorgan dressing-room when Benson left them 271 in a minimum of 44 overs. Too much, too late, too defensive, they opined. And yet for a defence-minded captain, he judged the declaration perfectly. Needing five off the last over, with four wickets intact, Glamorgan lost two of them and managed only three runs. A worthy finish to an enthralling match.

In terms of clean execution of strokes, none could match Maynard, who has a talent to compare with Wayne Larkins and, alas, quite possibly the same capacity for not fulfilling it. Tony Cottey and Mark Ealham, who played the other notable innings on Saturday, are encased in lesser talents.

Consider Ealham, who by dint of application has made himself into a busy all-rounder. He is always trying something: a slower ball, a lower throw, a back-foot drive through the untenanted areas of the infield. He made two half-centuries in this match, has achieved four in his last seven championship innings, and already has a career average that is higher than his father's.

Alan Ealham made more than 10,000 runs for Kent, but at an average of only 27.62. His son should prove to be the more consistent of the two, at least he might be once he has scored the initial century that eludes him in both first-class and one-day cricket. As Taylor was injured at Tunbridge Wells, Benson saw fit to put Ealham in at first wicket down in Kent's second innings. The ploy worked and the declaration was duly made.

Maynard, who struck 73 off 68 balls, gave Glamorgan the necessary impetus. That they came so close to winning was ultimately through Cottey's ability to cope with Patel bowling wide of his leg stump — with McCague bowling wide of his head (Cottey is 5ft 4in) — and with a field placing that was defensive from too early a stage.

Cottey is as indigenous to Swansea as Ealham is to Ashford. Let us hope that a transfer system, when it does ultimately come to English cricket, does not spoil the distinctive compositions of county sides. Cutting, sweeping and driving with considerable control, Cottey all but won this match for Glamorgan. His 85 from 89 balls, which included eight fours and a six, came to an end in the very last over.



Tunbridge Wells, rhododendrons and all, was a credit to a club that stages one championship match each season. Photograph: Julian Herbert

Somerset victory to depend upon makeshift attack

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

EDGBASTON (third day of four): Somerset, with seven second-innings wickets in hand, are 247 runs ahead of Warwickshire

SOMERSET are in the wars at the moment but they have a decent chance of beating Warwickshire when this Britannic Assurance championship match resumes this morning. A lead of 247 gives Peter Bowler, the acting captain, a wonderful opportunity to declare at noon and spend the better part of a day trying to bowl out the champions.

Warwickshire declared 181 runs behind on 314 for four after Trevor Penney had completed the second century of a grafter's match. They will now have to chase something like 320 in 75 overs against a bowling attack that lacks Caddick and van Troost.

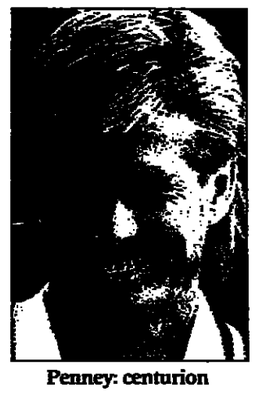
Somerset's injury list is beginning to sound like the list of French nobility at Agincourt. Here we are, at the start of June, and already they are out of the Benson and Hedges Cup and in no shape to contest the three other competitions. If they could get a fully-fit team on the field, they would be a match for anyone, at least in one-day cricket.

For the second-team game against Kent, which begins at Maidstone today, it is a case of "bring your boots and you'll get a game". There are only 19 professionals on the Somerset staff and Bob Cottam, the cricket director, was busy yesterday rounding up an assortment of youthful rogues, fakirs and ne'er-do-wells to make up an XI.

Caddick and van Troost are the two most serious, and long-standing casualties. The former began the season intent on reclaiming his place in the England Test team. The latter, a Dutchman who can bowl as fast as anyone in the county game when the mood takes him, qualifies for England in three years' time, not that anyone would be daft enough to pick him.

Warwickshire's season is picking up after the hammering by England A in April and being beaten by Lancashire in all three competitions that they won last season. They have injuries, too, notably to Allan Donald and Tim Munton, whose joint return will cheer the club.

In their absence the supporting cast of pace bowlers,



Penney: centurion

with the exception of Gladstone Small, is not up to the task, and the spin bowling is way below the standard of Middlesex and Essex, those "kings of the outgrounds". But if Warwickshire continue to prepare the sort of green pitch that they have done for this match, they may not be needed much anyway.

The batting is in better shape. Nick Knight has bedded down well and Penney completed a century on Saturday that enabled Warwickshire to declare in time to take three Somerset wickets.

SATURDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Hampshire v Sussex

PORTSMOUTH (third day of four): Hampshire (24pts) beat Sussex (1) by an innings and 106 runs

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings 534 (V P Terry 170, R A Smith 120, A N Aymes 60)

SUSSEX: First Innings

C W J Athey c Stephenson b Bovill 7
J W Hall c Aymes b Streak 30
K Newell c Streak b Stephenson 24
N J Lenham c Aymes b Bovill 7
K Greenfield lbw b Stephenson 0
†P Moores c Whitaker b Bovill 23
F D Stephenson c Aymes b Connor 19
*I D K Salisbury c Morris b Stephenson 36
P W Jarvis lbw b Stephenson 28
E S H Giddins c Morris b Streak 1
E E Hemmings not out 0
Extras (b 1, lb 4, nb 14) 19
Total (70.3 overs) 198

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-23, 2-61, 3-67, 4-67, 5-102, 6-107, 7-127, 8-185, 9-196.

BOWLING: Connor 25-6-64-1; Bovill 21.5-6-60-3; Stephenson 14-3-45-4; Streak 10.3-3-22-2.

Second Innings

C W J Athey b Connor 17
J W Hall c Aymes b Streak 32
K Newell c Aymes b Streak 35
N J Lenham c Aymes b Stephenson 28
K Greenfield b Connor 15
†P Moores c Morris b Stephenson 8
F D Stephenson c Aymes b Streak 17
*I D K Salisbury c Bovill b Stephenson 20
P W Jarvis c Stephenson b Connor 36
E S H Giddins c White b Streak 9
E E Hemmings not out 3
Extras (lb 1, nb 9) 10
Total 232

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-37, 2-58, 3-103, 4-117, 5-139, 6-143, 7-170, 8-178, 9-189.

BOWLING: Connor 15.5-4-43-3; Bovill 13-3-43-0; Stephenson 19-3-64-3; Streak 17.4-81-4.

Umpires: V A Holder and P B Wight.

Gloucestershire v Worcestershire

GLOUCESTER (third day of four). Gloucestershire (24pts) beat Worcestershire (4) by an innings and 73 runs

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 172 (A M Smith 4 for 68, J Srinath 4 for 36)

Second Innings

W P C Weston c Hodgson b Srinath 22
*†T S Curtis b Smith 24
T M Moody lbw b Ball 0
G R Haynes b Smith 9
R K Illingworth c Dawson b Srinath 5
D A Leatherdale lbw b Ball 19
†S J Rhodes c and b Smith 1
S R Lampitt c Russell b Smith 11
P J Newport not out 25
N V Radford c Srinath b Smith 1
P Thomas c Lynch b Smith 0
Extras (b 1, lb 3, w 5, nb 4) 13
Total 130

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-37, 2-38, 3-49, 4-58, 5-78, 6-86, 7-90, 8-122, 9-130.

BOWLING: Smith 18.2-5-57-6; Alleyne 4-1-11-0, Srinath 13-4-35-2; Ball 16-10-23-2; Davies 1-1-0-0

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 375 (R I Dawson 101, R C Russell 56, A Symonds 52; N V Radford 5 for 45)

Umpires: J W Holder and B J Meyer.

Leicestershire v Durham

LEICESTER (third day of four): Leicestershire (24pts) beat Durham (3) by an innings and 91 runs

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings 380 (J J Whitaker 92, G J Parsons 73, V J Wells 56; M Prabhakar 7 for 65)

DURHAM: First Innings 139 (A R K Pierson 5 for 48)

Second Innings

*M A Roseberry b Parsons 4
W Larkins c Cronje b Wells 26
J E Morris c Millns b Cronje 41
M Saxelby c Nixon b Pierson 22
M Prabhakar c Parsons b Mullally 1
J Boiling c Parsons b Pierson 4
D A Blenkiron lbw b Pierson 0
S D Birbeck c Parsons b Mullally 1
†D G C Ligertwood not out 26
S J E Brown b Millns 13
M M Betts b Millns 0
Extras (lb 3, w 4) 7
Total 151

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-61, 3-74, 4-83, 5-100, 6-100, 7-107, 8-111, 9-137.

BOWLING: Mullally 18-9-24-2; Parsons 7-1-20-1; Millns 8.2-0-29-2; Pierson 26-8-63-3; Wells 0.4-0-2-1; Cronje 6.2-1-10-1.

Umpires: J D Bond and R Julian.

Kent v Glamorgan

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (final day of four): Kent (7pts) drew with Glamorgan (8)

KENT: First Innings 369 (P A de Silva 135, T R Ward 98, M A Ealham 58; H A G Anthony 5 for 70)

Second Innings

T R Ward b Kendrick 31
*M R Benson c Cottey b Croft 51
M A Ealham c Metson b Thomas 72
† P A de Silva c Anthony b Kendrick 8
M J Walker c Hemp b Kendrick 24
M M Patel c Maynard b Anthony 0
‡S A Marsh c Hemp b Croft 24
M J McCague c Watkin b Kendrick 23
D W Headley not out 29
A P Igglesden not out 5
Extras (b 3, lb 4, nb 2) 9
Total (8 wkts dec) 283

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-57, 2-85, 3-99, 4-130, 5-133, 6-194, 7-194, 8-231.

BOWLING: Watkin 15-2-40-0; Anthony 18-6-36-1; Thomas 12.4-0-53-1; Kendrick 37-17-70-4; Croft 23-7-47-2.

GLAMORGAN: First Innings 352 for 8 dec (A Dale 133, H Morris 114)

Second Innings

A Dale c Ward b Patel 32
*†H Morris c Marsh b Headley 3
D L Hemp lbw b Patel 20
M P Maynard b Patel 73
P A Cottey c Headley b Patel 85
H A G Anthony run out 23
R D B Croft c and b Patel 7
S D Thomas not out 7
†C P Metson run out 0
Extras (b 4, lb 11, nb 4) 19
Total (8 wkts) 269

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-42, 3-81, 4-170, 5-223, 6-242, 7-268, 8-269.

BOWLING: McCague 18-1-83-0; Headley 9-0-44-1; Patel 21.3-99-5, de Silva 1-0-6-0; Igglesden 3-0-22-0.

Umpires: D J Constant and A A Jones.

Lancashire v Nottinghamshire

LIVERPOOL (third day of four). Lancashire, with all second-innings wickets in hand, are 127 runs ahead of Nottinghamshire

LANCASHIRE: First Innings 309 (S P Titchard 57, N J Speak 50; C L Cairns 5 for 64)

Second Innings

S P Titchard not out 56
J E R Gallian not out 50
Extras (nb 4) 4
Total (no wkt) 110

BOWLING: Cairns 6-1-18-0; Pick 7.4-1-20-0; Evans 6-0-15-0; Afford 10-2-27-0; Hindson 6-3-30-0.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings

M P Dowman b Wasim 0
*R T Robinson lbw b Austin 138
G F Archer b Austin 50
J R Wileman c Titchard b Keedy 12
C L Cairns c Gallian b Keedy 13
P Johnson c Hagg b Watkinson 15
K P Evans c Hagg b Austin 12
†W M Noon lbw b Wasim 5
J E Hindson not out 24
R A Pick b Wasim 7
J A Afford run out 2
Extras (lb 2, w 2, nb 12) 16
Total (112 overs) 292

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-117, 3-152, 4-166, 5-216, 6-247, 7-252, 8-252, 9-280.

BOWLING: Wasim Akram 28-6-74-3; Chapple 12-1-35-0; Austin 29-6-63-3; Keedy 27-9-52-2; Watkinson 15-3-55-1; Gallian 3-0-11-0.

Bonus points: Lancashire 7 Nottinghamshire 6.

Umpires: G I Burgess and K E Palmer.

Warwickshire v Somerset

EDGBASTON (third day of four): Somerset, with seven second-innings wickets in hand, are 247 runs ahead of Warwickshire

SOMERSET: First Innings 495 (P D Bowler 178, P C L Holloway 81)

Second Innings

M N Lathwell b Brown 0
M E Trescothick c Reeve b Davis 8
K A Parsons c Wasim b Davis 5
R J Harden not out 13
J C Hallett not out 37
Extras (b 2, lb 1) 3
Total (3 wkts) 66

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-12, 3-19.

BOWLING: Brown 4-3-3-1; Twose 4-3-2-0; Smith 2-0-8-0; Davis 2-0-8-2, Moles 7-0-22-0; Wasim Khan 7-1-22-0.

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings

A J Moles b Kerr 16
N V Knight b Mushtaq 58
Wasim Khan lbw b Hallett 89
† I L Parmley not out 101
R G Twose c Holloway b Hallett 5
*D A Reeve not out 23
Extras (b 10, lb 10, w 2) 22
Total (4 wkts dec) 314

Score at 120 overs: 305-4.

D R Brown, †K J Piper, N M K Smith, G C Small and R P Davis did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-30, 2-126, 3-225, 4-236.

BOWLING: Rose 22-12-29-0; Kerr 21-7-44-1, Mushtaq Ahmed 38-14-89-1; Trump 27-4-87-0; Hallett 8-1-22-2; Bowler 2.2-1-10-0; Parsons 3-0-13-0.

Bonus points: Warwickshire 4 Somerset 4.

Umpires: J H Harris and K J Lyons.

Essex v Middlesex

CHELMSFORD (third day of four): Essex, with four second-innings wickets in hand, need nine runs to avoid an innings defeat by Middlesex

MIDDLESEX: First Innings 473 (M W Gatting 94, J E Emburey 87, T A Radford 69, D J Nash 67, K R Brown 67)

ESSEX: First Innings

G A Gooch b Nash 17
*P J Prichard lbw b Weekes 32
M E Waugh b Johnson 5
N Hussain c Radford b Emburey 34
J J B Lewis c Radford b Emburey 15
R C Irani c Radford b Johnson 5
†R J Rollins c Carr b Tufnell 4
M C Ilott c Johnson b Emburey 6
P M Such c Weekes b Emburey 2
D M Cousins c Brown b Tufnell 10
J H Childs not out 2
Extras (lb 3, nb 8) 11
Total (90.1 overs) 207

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-34, 2-46, 3-76, 4-105, 5-114, 6-129, 7-140, 8-148, 9-202.

BOWLING: Nash 12-4-35-1; Feltham 9-2-30-0; Johnson 13-4-41-2; Tufnell 20.1-8-33-2, Emburey 28-6-53-4, Weekes 10-4-12-1.

Second Innings

G A Gooch b Tufnell 17
*P J Prichard c Brown b Weekes 69
M E Waugh c Feltham b Johnson 1
N Hussain run out 9
J J B Lewis lbw b Emburey 9
R C Irani not out 62
†R J Rollins c Johnson b Tufnell 32
M C Ilott not out 34
Extras (b 1, lb 11, nb 12) 24
Total (6 wkts) 257

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-57, 2-78, 3-103, 4-119, 5-119, 6-177

BOWLING: Nash 13-4-38-0; Feltham 3-0-10-0, Weekes 20-4-43-1; Johnson 12-1-38-1; Tufnell 19.5-62-2; Emburey 22-6-54-1.

Bonus points: Essex 3 Middlesex 8.

Umpires: B Dudleston and B Leadbeater.

Yorkshire v Northamptonshire

SHEFFIELD (third day of four): Yorkshire, with four second-innings wickets in hand, are 67 runs ahead of Northamptonshire

YORKSHIRE: First Innings 250 (C White 110; A Kumble 4 for 63)

Second Innings

A McGrath lbw b Curran 30
M P Vaughan c Fordham b Curran 11
*D Byas not out 57
M G Bevan c Fordham b Snape 50
C White c Snape b Kumble 14
R D Stemp c Capel b Kumble 0
†R J Blakey c and b Kumble 0
B Parker not out 10
Extras (b 1, lb 5, nb 6) 12
Total (6 wkts) 174

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-49, 2-54, 3-147, 4-168, 5-170, 6-174.

BOWLING: Taylor 12-3-51-0; Mallender 7-2-12-0; Curran 10-5-23-2, Capel 7-1-32-0, Kumble 15-6-32-3, Snape 5-0-14-1; Bailey 1-0-4-0

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings

†R J Warren c Blakey b Milburn 8
A Fordham c Blakey b Milburn 6
R J Bailey lbw b Robinson 111
T C Walton c Blakey b Hartley 10
K M Curran c Byas b Milburn 39
D J Capel c Robinson b Hartley 72
J N Snape c Bevan b Robinson 17
*A J Lamb c Byas b Milburn 30
A Kumble not out 26
N A Mallender c Vaughan b White 10
J P Taylor b Hartley 4
Extras (b 3, w 1, nb 20) 24
Total 357

Score at 120 overs: 336-8.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-17, 3-47, 4-121, 5-232, 6-256, 7-309, 8-313, 9-336

BOWLING: Hartley 32-7-87-3; Milburn 28-8-68-4; Robinson 29-6-86-2; Stemp 18-7-34-0; White 15-5-41-1; Vaughan 5-1-20-0; Bevan 5-2-18-0

Bonus points: Yorkshire 5 Northamptonshire 7.

Umpires: T E Jesty and A G T Whitehead.

Other match

Oxford University v Derbyshire

THE PARKS (final day of three): Derbyshire beat Oxford University by five wickets

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings 261 for 2 dec (W A Dessaur 119 not out, C M Wells 115)

Second Innings

W A Dessaur c Jarrett b Kendall 2
P Aldred c Ridley b Kendall 13
A C Cottam c Jarrett b MacRobert 36
M E Cassar c Attfield b MacRobert 7
A Richardson c MacRobert b Kendall 4
†W M Krikken not out 15
A J Harris not out 13
Extras (lb 4, w 1) 5
Total (5 wkts) 95

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-27, 3-58, 4-62, 5-73.

BOWLING: Kendall 12-0-37-3, Ricketts 15-1-47-0, MacRobert 4-2-7-2.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First Innings

C M Gupte c Krikken b Richardson 2
I J Sutcliffe lbw b Richardson 3
J M Attfield b Harris 6
†M E D Jarratt lbw b Aldred 16
A C Ridley b Richardson 12
W S Kendall lbw b Cottam 31
*G I Macmillan lbw b Aldred 0
J D Ricketts c Krikken b Harris 11
A D MacRobert lbw b Harris 0
J Windsor not out 6
D P Mather c Cassar b Cottam 0
Extras (lb 2, nb 8) 10
Total (45.3 overs) 97

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-11, 3-15, 4-42, 5-42, 6-42, 7-59, 8-83, 9-95.

BOWLING: Harris 16-3-36-3; Richardson 10-2-27-3; Aldred 10-4-24-2; Cottam 8.3-2-5-2; Barnett 4-1-3-0.

Second Innings

C M Gupte run out 37
I J Sutcliffe c Krikken b Cassar 23
A C Ridley c Krikken b Cassar 1
W S Kendall c Krikken b Harris 19
*G I Macmillan b Barnett 22
J M Attfield lbw b Cottam 11
†M E D Jarratt c Aldred b Cassar 40
J D Ricketts c Krikken b Cassar 31
A D MacRobert c Krikken b Harris 29
J Windsor c Krikken b Aldred 14
D P Mather not out 4
Extras (b 6, lb 7, nb 14) 27
Total 258

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-58, 2-68, 3-72, 4-109, 5-109, 6-152, 7-194, 8-208, 9-241.

BOWLING: Cassar 24-9-54-4; Richardson 9-1-33-0; Aldred 14.3-4-36-1, Barnett 21-8-60-1, Harris 12-5-33-2; Cottam 17-6-29-1.

Umpires: J H Hampshire and M K Reed.

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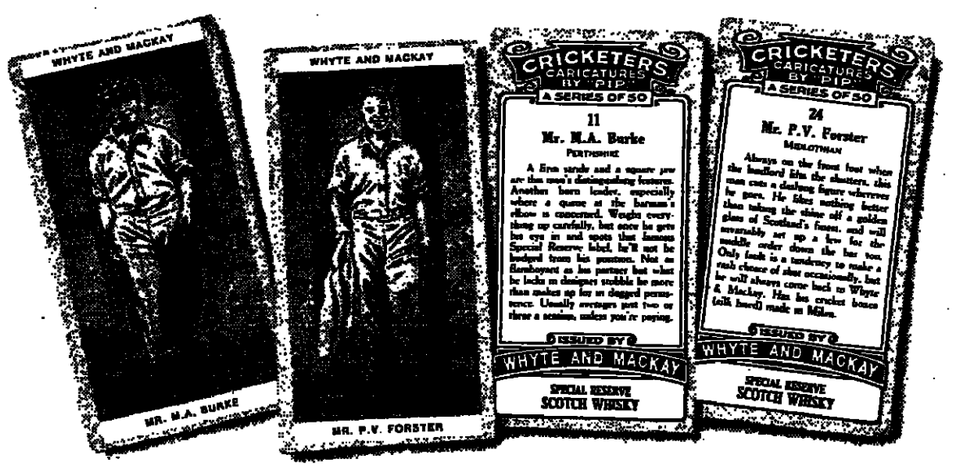
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Injury puts Carling out of next game after Argentina come close to creating upset

Abject England rescued by Andrew

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FROM DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT
IN DURBAN

SOME England players went to South Africa's first Sunday horse-race meeting, at the Greyville track here, yesterday. On Saturday, at the King's Park Stadium, they almost went to the dogs in their first World Cup outing of the 1995 tournament, such was the power of Argentina's scrum and the paucity of England's play.

Amid the grand slams which have graced England's table over the last four years, there have remained a handful of inexplicably poor displays, of which this was one. Had Argentina won, there could have been no complaint.

Any side scoring two tries to nil with a third disallowed is entitled to reflect upon a good day's work and if they had possessed a more consistent goalkicker, the tournament might have seen its first upset.

As it is, England remain standing, which is more than can be said for their captain. Will Carling limped off the field late in the game and will not play in the second pool B game, against Italy here on Wednesday. To be fair, Carling probably would not have played anyway, but a heavy kick on his left ankle put him out of consideration.

Since he also suffered a bang on the thigh and a blow to the head from Ubogu's knee, as well as damage to his team's collective pride, it was not the greatest of days for Carling. "It wasn't simply rustiness," he said. "I expected more cohesion after the first quarter but we didn't react quickly enough to where the ball was."

The malaise hanging over the team was made worse by the way in which they were consistently dragged out of position by an Argentine side playing to its strengths and exerting great pressure in the tackle.

Had Argentina not adhered so closely to their game-plan, and trusted to their wings rather than cutting back to the forwards, they might have scored more than their two tries. They had the space to do so but Cuesta Silva and Salvat invariably linked with their excellent back row.

But for Rob Andrew, England might have been pinioned. During the domestic international season, Andrew scored 107 points with his boot; here he added 24, missing nothing and even having an early dropped goal disallowed because it came from a free kick.



Morris, the England scrum half, arrives too late to prevent Crexell, his counterpart, getting the ball away. Photograph: Ian Stewart

But if Andrew's attention to detail remains as sharp as ever, his colleagues committed most of the cardinal sins. Ball was given away in the tackle, touches were missed, passes were dropped. One back-row move was so well telegraphed that Crexell, suffering though he was from a groin strain which forced him to hand place-kicking duties to Arbizu, intercepted with ease to make 50 metres for his side.

"We couldn't put two bits of play together nor develop any continuity," Jack Rowell, the manager, said. "We tried to play low error-rate rugby and ended up with a high error rate. As we go through the pool matches, we can only improve or we will go home faster than we came out."

It is doubtful whether England will meet a better scrummaging unit than Argentina's in the entire tournament. Their superiority in this department impinged on both the back-row play England contemplated and on Morris's ability to clear the ball.

Yet Morris, linking with Tony Underwood, was the one bright spark in broken play that England possessed. That is not saying much in a side which, even given twice the lineout ball that Argentina won, proved so bereft of invention.

There were two moments of controversy in the match, both involving Jim Fleming. The experienced Scottish referee called back Argentina after a quickly-taken tapped penalty by Crexell put Teran over, at 21-13 down. Fleming believed Argentina had elected for a kick at goal — a suggestion which Salvat, the captain, and Arbizu, the kicker, denied.

Moments earlier, Arbizu had hit an upright with a penalty attempt and, though England clutched at the rebound, they were penalised. Argentina chose a formation which looked remarkably like an illegal flying wedge but Fleming decided that Noriega, the prop who was credited with the resulting try, received possession as an individual and made ground before the support came in.

Yet Noriega was the focal point of what was, in effect, a running scrum, in such close formation were the Argentinians. The tournament referees have discussed both the flying wedge and the cavalry charge and their debate influenced Fleming to the extent that, had he been refereeing in Scotland, he would almost certainly not have allowed the try.

As it was, from a half-time advantage of 12-0, which shortly after became 18-3, England were pegged back. Andrew's dropped goal kept England in somewhat tenuous command but their relief at the final whistle, after Arbizu had weaved a path to the line, was palpable.

SCORERS: England: Penalty goals: Andrew (6). Dropped goals: Andrew (2). Argentina: Tries: Noriega, Arbizu. Conversion: Arbizu. Penalty goals: Arbizu (2).
ENGLAND: M J Catt (Bath); T Underwood (Leicester), W D C Carling (Harlequins, captain), J C Guscott (Bath); R Underwood (Leicester-RAF), C R Andrew (Wasps); G D Morris (Orrell), J Leonard (Harlequins); B C Moore (Harlequins), V E Ubogu (Bath); T A K Rodber (Northampton Army), M O Johnson (Leicester), M C Bayfield (Northampton); B B Clarke (Bath), S O Ojomoh (Bath). Carling replaced by P R de Glanville (Bath, 80min); Ojomoh temporarily replaced by N A Back (Leicester, 34-36 and 50-53).
ARGENTINA: E Jurado (Jockey Rosario); M Teran (Tucuman), D Cuesta Silva (San Isidro), S Salvat (Alumni, captain), D Albanese (San Isidro), L Arbizu (Belgrano AC), R Crexell (Jockey Rosario), M Corral (San Isidro), F Mendez (Mendoza), P Noriega (Friends), R Martin (San Isidro), G Llanes (La Plata), P Sporleder (Curupaytí), C Viel (Newman), J Santamarina (Tucuman). Viel replaced by S Irazoqui (Palermo Bajo, 71).
Referee: J Fleming (Scotland).

Collective will goes missing at highest level



Rob Andrew searches for clues to the lacklustre opening display from the five nations' champions

There is no point looking for excuses for what was one of England's worst performances for a very long time. We can try to find explanations but even that is not easy and the only good aspect of our first match of the 1995 World Cup is that we won it.

It may be true that there was an underlying assumption that we would beat Argentina but at any level, whether club or country, you should never forget what needs to be done to earn victory. If you fail to approach a game in a systematic way, it will not happen and, on Saturday, too many people were coasting.

I could feel that mood very early on, where players were expecting someone else to perform rather than demonstrating the collective will to make things happen. Whether the fact that I was kicking goals successfully had something to do with it, I don't know, but just after half-time, when we moved 18-3 ahead, the team seemed to feel that the result we wanted was in sight, and that is when Argentina sniffed something different.

'They were expecting someone else to perform'

One suggestion has been that we were too tense, another that we were not keyed up enough, but I've been in a lot of dressing-rooms and I don't think there was a problem in either respect. But Argentina were certainly geared up for this game in a way we were not: maybe there is a comparison here with the opening game of the tournament, when Australia were half a yard off the pace.

We were all of that, against a team who deserve great credit. In their recent matches, Argentina's set-pieces have been good and their defensive work excellent. Their loose forwards, Rolando Martin in particular, were outstanding and they possess half backs who know their business. If they can sustain the level they achieved against us, and not go flat after Saturday, they have a great chance to qualify from our pool.

The eight England players who have not been in a World Cup before may now appreciate how different the tournament is to anything else they have experienced. We were ready for this game a week ago and it's hard to describe how long the last week has been, waiting for our first match.

On Thursday we had the South Africa-Australia match, after which people were talking about the possibility of playing Australia in a quarter-final in Cape Town: on Friday we watched France play Tonga and on Saturday, four hours before our first game, we could see Western Samoa play well against Italy in our own pool. Even as we were getting on to the coach, Wales were kicking off against Japan and you get a constant sense of looking over other people's shoulders — just as others are looking at us and wondering how we will play.

You have to be very clinical in putting aside everything else and concentrating on what *you* have to do as a team, otherwise you suddenly find you're kicking off and your mind is not quite prepared for it. But what happens elsewhere is irrelevant: we may never play against some of the other teams. The only thing that is relevant is how we play.

What we must ensure now is that we don't lose sight of what we know ourselves to be capable of. We have escaped with a poor performance and, for our own pride's sake, we must tell ourselves that another similar display is simply not acceptable. We cannot pretend that playing Italy, our next opponents, on Wednesday, is like playing Australia or New Zealand. Were they our opponents then the mind-set of the players would have been completely different this last fortnight.

But we have to admit that, if we cannot attain the high standards which we have set ourselves, we certainly will not win the World Cup and we may not even qualify for the knockout phase.

☐ *Interview by David Hands*

Rowell revolution set for test of longevity



David Miller says that much rests on England's leadership qualities after a dire opening performance

If South Africa set the World Cup alight, and if New Zealand and Western Samoa — "Let's Have Samoa That", the headline yesterday sang — have added to the bonfire, then the mood of celebration and expectation for the moment excludes England. Their opening match was notable less for its dynamite than its debris.

To lead 21-10, as England did with Andrew's dropped goal midway through the second half, and hear the crowd booing, is to know that you have problems. When Butch and Sundance are finally run to ground by the militia in Latin America, surrounded and hopelessly outgunned, Butch, having asked the wounded Sundance what he reckons are the odds against them following a tentative foray, says jocularly: "Good. For a moment you had me worried."

You can imagine much the same conversation having taken place on Saturday night between Butch Rowell and Sundance Carling. Reprieved by Andrew's boot, all they have to do now to win the World Cup is beat Australia, New Zealand and then South Africa. Easy-peasy. Beneath the serious vein of the England manager and captain lies a constant, protective thread of humour.

Carling, now excluded from the match against Italy by ankle and thigh injuries, jested his way through a press conference yesterday, acknowledging a miserable performance but refusing to be depressed. The next 72 hours will reveal whether the squad's leadership is genuinely mature, keeping acute disappointment in perspective, or whether the Rowell revolution, the development of more expansive play, has been no more than illusory.

What has become apparent with each successive day of the competition is the degree to which South Africa have set the standard, alarmingly for all their rivals considering the extent to which Australia mastered them in the lineout. Every team except New Zealand — inspired by Lomu — has seemed a division inferior in mobility, motivation, and the pace and variety of second and third-phase possession.

So lethargic were England against a disciplined, rampaging Argentina pack, that a similar performance against Western Samoa could find the northern hemisphere champions in serious difficulty. Englishmen might rue the day they laughed at Wales's defeat by Samoa four years ago.

England's embarrassment, just like Australia's, is another demonstration of the extent to which a rugby World Cup, just like that in football, is played in amateurish circumstances: inadequate preparation, little continuity, often untried players. Imagine what would be the quality of Rolls-Royce or Ferrari motor cars if they regularly halted production for periods of three to six months. Rowell had little alternative but a painful smile when plans went astray.

Public expectation, indeed demand, far exceeds the capacity of international teams to deliver consistently. The haphazard nature of this and any World Cup is illustrated by the ability of small nations, such as Ireland or Samoa, to produce random, glorious moments with one or two outstanding players, such as Geoghegan, the Irish wing.

The failure by England was as much in the mind as Australia's. Confronted by an Argentina team playing without inhibition and splendidly served by Arbizu at stand-off half and Santamarina and Martin in the back row, England reverted to the closed-mind, negative formula of the early Nineties, dependent for safety on Andrew's touch and place kicking. It was as though Rowell had never arrived, and the manager did well to obscure his dismay, though he did not shy from admitting the poverty of performance.

In the same way that Bob Dwyer was reluctant to be specific about Australia's technical failures, Rowell could not — and out of loyalty would not — pin the blame on sluggish ball from Morris out of the set scrum, or pressure imposed on Morris and Andrew by the ponderous display of the back row in the loose.

In every sense it was a collective foul-up, never mind an England victory that made a travesty of Argentina's enterprise. Yet there is truth in Carling's claim to some merit in still winning when playing badly.

Peak performances will always be transitory and volatile, even from great teams, especially in a game such as rugby which is, by design, so prone to error and the hazards of an oval ball. We should recall how wretched England's football was in the opening match against Uruguay in 1966, and how Carling's men rose in Paris and Edinburgh in 1991. All is by no means lost. We must hope for better things.

Scotland wary of physical Tongans

BY MARK SOUSTER

THE Scottish selectors have made eight changes, three in the back division and five in the pack, for the crucial pool match tomorrow against Tonga in Pretoria which, if they win, will guarantee them a place in the quarter-finals.

The side has been picked with the physical challenge Tonga will pose in mind which explains the inclusion in the centre of Scott Hastings and Ian Jardine who celebrated his thirtieth birthday yesterday. They replace Tony Stanger and the unlucky Graham Shiel while West Hartlepool's combative scrum half, Derrick Patterson, wins his second cap seven months after being discarded in the wake of the defeat by South Africa. Up front the inclusion of David Hilton, Kenny Milne, Damian Cronin, Eric Peters and Iain Morrison was not unexpected. Their experience and physical presence will be of vital importance against Tonga whose performance against France impressed but did not surprise the Scottish management.

Duncan Paterson, the Scotland team manager, said: "Tonga probably targeted the Scotland game as the one they would be hoping to win if they are to qualify.

"With no disrespect to the Ivory Coast, we are now in the reality of the World Cup. Tonga will be a different proposition entirely."

Paterson said that Jardine and Hastings, who will be playing together for Scotland for the first time, deserved their chance.

Jardine, from Stirling County, said: "I have played against Tonga on Scotland's South Seas tour. It was a very physical game. They are along the lines of the Samoans so we all know what to expect. It will be hard but that is something I enjoy."

Scott Hastings, who feared he might not play at all during this World Cup, was equally pleased to have been selected. "I think everybody measures myself on my defensive qualities. But I think there is a fair bit of attacking flair in me which I hope to show against Tonga."

Tim Horan has completed a remarkable recovery from a serious knee injury by winning back his place in the Australia team after an absence of 18 months. The 25-year-old centre is named alongside Jason Little in the team to play Canada in the pool A match in Port Elizabeth on Wednesday.

Joe Roff, 19, wins his first cap on the wing as the Australia selectors make nine changes to the team beaten 27-18 by South Africa on Thursday.

Marc de Rougemont, the promising hooker, will make his full international debut against Ivory Coast at Rustenburg tomorrow in a France side that features ten changes from the one that beat Tonga 38-10 in pool D.

SCOTLAND (v Tonga, tomorrow): G Hastings (Watsonians, captain); C Joiner (Melrose), S Hastings (Watsonians), I Jardine (Stirling County), K Logan (Stirling County); C Chalmers (Melrose), D Patterson (West Hartlepool); D Hilton (Bath), K Milne (Heriot's FP), P Wright (Boroughmuir), R Wainwright (West Hartlepool), D Cronin (Bourges), G Weir (Melrose), I Morrison (London Scottish), E Peters (Bath). Replacements: C Glasgow (Heriot's FP), G Shiel (Melrose), B Redpath (Melrose), J Richardson (Edinburgh Accies/Accies), P Burnell (London Scottish), K McKenzie (Stirling County).
FRANCE (v Ivory Coast, tomorrow): S Viars; P Saint-André (captain), F Mesnel, T Lacroix, W Techoueyres; Y Delaigue, G Accoceberry; L Benezech, M de Rougemont, C Califano, A Costes, O Brouzet, O Roumat, L Cabannes, A Benazzi.
AUSTRALIA (v Canada, Wednesday): M Burke, D Campese, J Little, T Horan, J Roff; M Lynagh (captain), P Slattery; A Daly, P Kearns, M Harrill, V Ofahengaue, W Waugh, J Eales, I Tabua, T Coker.

In the province of 'stiff cat' and ostrich biltong

CLEMENT FREUD IN SOUTH AFRICA

After the first wild flush of indiscriminate enthusiasm, the rugby World Cup is settling down and observers are able to discern patterns among the dramatis personae.

There are the players, who stay in hotels and one reads in local newspapers who has been doing what; no news is too insignificant. There are officials, 16 sets of old farts who are mainly keeping their heads down; Carling has done a fine job blunting their bluster.

Then we have the dedicated followers of rugby from all parts of the world and especially from South Africa, who manifest their nationality by speaking without moving their teeth (words like "stiff cat" turn out to be Afrikaner-speak for certificate) and assess the quality of each match on the basis of how the victors would have done against Province.

Province is Western Province, also a way of life. At the New Zealand v Ireland match, a woman sitting behind me suddenly screamed "Province" as if she had been goosed, or perhaps subjected to something even more joyous; no one took much interest. It is how they are.

And there are those who maintain that nothing much ever happens on a weekend afternoon so they have booked seats for the Tonga v Ivory Coast match at Rustenburg — which is apparently sold out.

On Saturday night I went to my first game at Ellis Park stadium, a guest of a tall, silent, grockelesque (a true grockel carries a comb in the top of his sock) man of about 35 whose company has purchased £350 five-match tickets that include access to a suite where you can eat and drink all you want at each of the five Jo'burg games. The organisation of getting the crowd into the ground was reminiscent of parliament: nobody quite knows where to go and there are too many whose job it is to stop them.

My Afrikaner tried to park down an alleyway. The police had blocked this so we drove around the stadium for 20 minutes, shunning small dark boys who tried to sell us parking spaces until we reached an enclosure guarded by high wire fences and attended by a posse. For 30 rand (£5), they said we would have every chance of getting the car back in pristine order after the game.

We walked the few kilometres to the entrance passing vendors of primitive rugby paintings, good-smelling hot sausages and souvenir programmes. At the entrance, we queued for a quarter of an hour, were told it was the wrong entrance for our tickets, walked on, queued, were body-searched, entered the stadium, and made for our seats, which were 63 rows up from where we had started.

We found the row but the number was two aisles away so it was down again and up again to our allotted places. I expect you saw me in the crowd shots on television. I was above the New Zealand 22 in the first half, next to the man in the green jersey — an ideal position for a student of dandruff, though less suited to one wishing to see the game. Around me was a fair assortment of black and white spectators, 98 per cent male, and at half-time a boy dispensed £2 packets of biltong bearing pictures of Ruggles, the giraffe who is the World Cup mascot, in rugby boots.

Biltong is strips of dried meat, has the texture of boot leather and is fashioned of many animals: it is delicious. My host gave me Kudu, which is antelope meat; he had beef, his brother took elephant and the general opinion was that ostrich is best. A smart marketing move might have been to produce kiwi biltong but smart marketing moves and the Rugby World Cup organisation are not phrases you would use in the same sentence.

There were a number of public address announcements during the match, apart from the scorers' names. Most urged spectators to desist from throwing naartjies onto the pitch. Drinking brandy and coke, eating biltong and hurling these tangerines are the traditional recreations of South African rugby crowds.

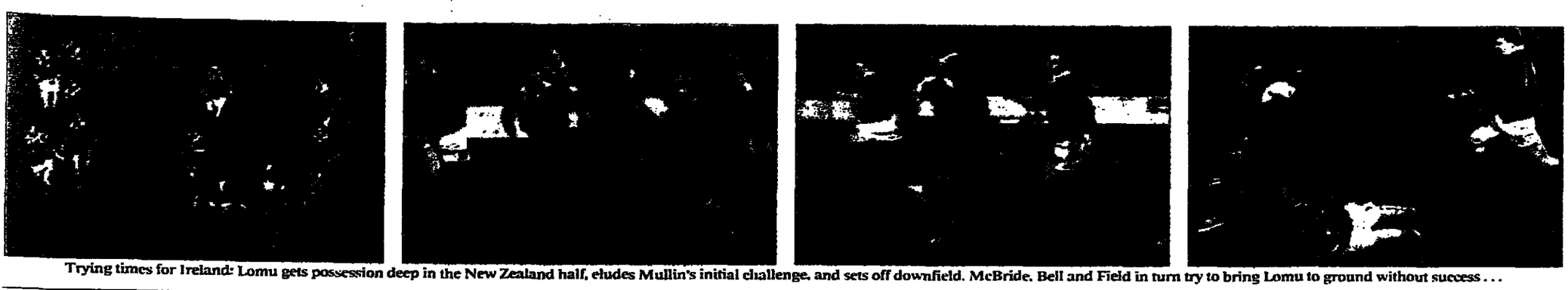
The stadium was about 60 per cent full and, after the final whistle, we descended to the suite with free food and drink. As we had luminous symbols stamped on our wrists, they let us in with a smile. There were some 400 of us, marginally more pro-Ireland than All Black and unanimously disagreeing with most of the referee's decisions. We watched the replay on monitors which now and again changed the green Irish shirts to red.

The barmen were fast and polite, asking whether we wanted double or single brandies in our cokes. Nobody, during the hour that we stayed replenishing our glasses and waiting for the crowd to disperse, showed the slightest sign of being the worse for drink.

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Valiant Ireland have World Cup backs to the wall as New Zealand unleash fresh generation

Reborn All Blacks shred case for the defence



Trying times for Ireland: Lomu gets possession deep in the New Zealand half, eludes Mullin's initial challenge, and sets off downfield. McBride, Bell and Field in turn try to bring Lomu to ground without success . . .

Ireland 19
New Zealand 43

FROM JOHN HOPKINS
IN JOHANNESBURG

IT WAS suspected that the new generation of All Blacks would be exciting, but nobody could have foreseen how much zip and dash the young pretenders would instil into the famous black jerseys.

Glen Osborne, Andrew Mehrtens and Jonah Lomu won this game for their country on Saturday, scoring 33 points between them. These three men, whose ages total 66, must have gladdened the hearts of Colin Meads and Brian Lochore, those two older New Zealanders who sat stony-faced in the stands in their black blazers and white shirts, and who are masterminding their country's attempt to win a second World Cup.

Poor Ireland. For years, teams have battled against New Zealand on the understanding that, if they contain their forwards, they contain their team. In that time, New Zealand have produced fearsome players from numbers one to eight, none more so than "Pine Tree" Meads and Lochore. The Blacks' backs, by comparison, are traditionally competent and gritty.

Ireland's forwards rucked and mauled outstandingly and played to a level that had seemed impossible during the *five nations' championship*. Neil Francis, so often said to be a 20-minute or a 40-minute player, was immense in the lineout, Nick Popplewell in the loose. The pack strove manfully to contain the New Zealanders' strength and technique in the scrums, knowing that by doing so they were weakening themselves for subsequent action in the loose.



. . . but while Geoghegan tackles him, a try still results



The man Ireland could not stop: "tackling Jonah Lomu is like trying to get your arms around the legs of a snooker table moving at 15mph"

RUGBY WORLD CUP

The Irish even led for 25 minutes after Gary Halpin had plunged over for a try. Later, McBride scored after a brilliant break by Simon Geoghegan, and deft handling by Michael Bradley, Eric Elwood and Maurice Field gave David Corkery the chance to score a fine try, *which he took by lunging in* off his right foot like a wing.

It must be many years since three tries by forwards were scored against the All Blacks, and it lent credence to the view of Noel Murphy, the Ireland manager, that the All Black forwards of the Sixties, Seventies and Eighties were better *than today's*. But here's the rub. No sooner had Ireland done what teams are supposed to do against the All Blacks, than the New Zealanders demonstrated how they have reinvented themselves. In Osborne, Mehrtens and Lomu, they have unearthed youngsters, with fewer than five caps between them, who are capable of turning the game — and in Lomu's case, of winning it single-handed.

It was Lomu, 20 and playing only his third game for his country, who stole the show. His running in attack was *frightening in its ferocity*, and more than compensated for poor and naive defence. There is not another player in rugby union who combines such strength and speed in attack.

This quietly-spoken and po*lite executioner weighs over 18* stone. His lower torso and massive thighs are the source of his power. Nobody who saw it will forget the 80-yard run he made from deep in his own half to set up a try for Kronfeld midway through the second half. Brendan Mullin, Denis McBride, Jonathan Bell and Field all tackled him, and all were brushed aside as Lomu demonstrated that having such strength in this part of his body means he is hard to knock over. Tackling him is like trying to get your arms around the legs of a snooker table that is moving at 15mph and can hand-off with the power of a mule kick.

To these assets is allied a natural speed that makes him the fourth fastest over 40 metres of the All Blacks. "I've seen lots of players like him, but not on the wing," Meads said. "They were always forwards, and they were usually marking me."

Gerry Murphy was asked what plans Ireland had to contain Lomu. "Tackle him, for one," the Ireland coach replied. What would Ireland do if they had to face Lomu again? "We'd get a shotgun for him." Terry Kingston, the captain, said. As so often, Ireland were left to sing their hearts out over another defeat that won them many friends but too few points. To rub it in, Jim Staples, their courageous full back, injured a thumb, and has been replaced by Phil Danaher, the Garryowen centre.

"Shoulder to shoulder, we'll answer Ireland's call" is the closing line of the chorus of their rugby anthem. As they regroup to face the buzzing hornets who masquerade as Japan in Bloemfontein on Wednesday, the Irish certainly have to stand shoulder to shoulder now.

DETAILS FROM ELLIS PARK

SCORERS: Ireland: Tries: Halpin, McBride, Corkery. Conversions: Elwood (2). New Zealand: Tries: Lomu (2), Bunce, Kronfeld, Osborne. Conversions: Mehrtens (3). Penalty goals: Mehrtens (4)

IRELAND: J Staples (Harlequins); R Wallace (Garryowen), B Mullin (Blackrock College), J Bell (Ballymena), S Geoghegan (Bath), E Elwood (Lansdowne), M Bradley (Cork Constitution), N Popplewell (Wasps), T Kingston (Dolphin, captain), G Halpin (London Irish), D Corkery (Cork Constitution), G Fulcher (Cork Constitution), N Francis (Old Belvedere), D McBride (Malone), P Johns (Dungannon) Staples replaced by M Field (Malone, 35min).

NEW ZEALAND: G Osborne (North Harbour); J Wilson (Otago), F Bunce (North Harbour), W Little (North Harbour), J Lomu (Counties); A Mehrtens (Canterbury) G Bachop (Canterbury); O Brown (Auckland), S Fitzpatrick (Auckland, captain), C Dowd (Auckland), J Joseph (Otago), B Larsen (North Harbour), I Jones (North Harbour), J Kronfeld (Otago), M Brewer (Canterbury). Wilson replaced by M Ellis (Otago, 32min) Brewer replaced by K Schuler (North Harbour, 74).

Referee: W Erikson (Australia).

South Africa have most cause for joy

Do first impressions count? **David Hands** ranks the best and worst of the 16 nations on the form shown in their opening matches

1 South Africa

The fact that they defeated the champions on their first appearance and under pressure of enormous public expectation makes theirs the most satisfactory of starts. First-time tackling and strength in the loose outweighed a substantial lineout deficiency

2 New Zealand

Offered a brave examination by *Ireland, the All Blacks came through* with a coach's ideal — a substantial win but enough loose ends to focus the players' minds Jonah Lomu is set to be the star of the tournament

3 Western Samoa

Nobody knew what shape they were in after heavy demolitions by Australia and South Africa. Italy offered them a way to restore confidence, which they accepted with glee, and may be viewing another quarter-final.

4 Argentina

Defeat is never a good base from which to go forward but Argentina never expected as much as they received against England. Tomorrow's clash with *the Samoans will be* decisive in pool B and the Argentinians believe they can win it.

5 France

No great distinction in beating Tonga save for the fact that, for an hour, France looked distinctly beatable. But the final quarter suggested the Gallic adventure which will be needed at later stages if there is to be a French impact on this tournament.

6 Ireland

Written off (even by themselves) prior to the tournament, Ireland played with traditional spirit against New Zealand, who will not readily concede three tries again. Good forward play, less impressive behind.

7 Australia

Placed low because their expectations were so high. Others may be encouraged in lesser circumstances but the Australian standard is so lofty that to fail as they did means they descend further Will come again.

8 England

A win is a win but England, like Australia among the favourites, have further to fall than most. Few redeeming features and one of only three teams — Ivory Coast and Romania are the others — not to score a try

9 Canada

There might have been an inclination to place Canada above England but for the fact that it was Romania whom they beat. Canada desperately needed a win to eradicate their poor build-up and they achieved it with some style.

10 Wales

Scored the points they should have scored against Japan and introduced *several new caps successfully which* is as much as they could have wanted after a five nations whitewash. From now on it becomes more difficult

11 Scotland

No disrespect to the Scots by placing them so low but the Ivory Coast will lose to any worthwhile team by similar margins. At least a match is better than a training session and nobody will know better than Gavin Hastings how much their win was worth.

12 Ivory Coast

It may be quixotic to place them just behind the team which beat them 89-0 but, naive and lightweight though *they are, there was gallantry in* players who never stopped tackling.

13 Tonga

For a long time, they appeared a better team than France and heads were already drooping at their own failure to score points when Mahoni became the first player of the *tournament to be sent off*. Discipline may become a greater problem

14 Japan

The world of rugby is getting bigger and, even with more overseas players, Japan cannot keep contact. Brave as ever and more deft than Wales, they will do well not to concede a half-century in all of their pool C games

15 Italy

Sadly disappointing, not least to themselves. Italy had genuine expectations of contesting pool B but completely lost their way against the Samoans. They now face a huge mountain

16 Romania

If they were to have any credibility, the Romanians had to offer Canada a contest But they fell away after a useful start and their prospects look utterly bleak.

Flustered Italians intimidated by Samoa

WESTERN Samoa, the hit side of 1991, served notice in their opening pool B game in East London on Saturday that they will not let another World Cup go by without adding to their laurels with a 42-18 victory over Italy (David Hands writes). Though slightly flattered by the final margin of victory, they indicated what sort of problems England will encounter next Sunday should they turn in another lacklustre display.

The England management will have registered the elusive Samoan running in broken play, particularly by To'o Vaega in midfield, and the length of Daryl Kellett's goal-kicking. The Italians were desperately disappointing for despite all the preparation, they were unhinged in every phase save the set scrums.

Without Mark Giacheri, the Italian lineout lacked presence and throughout the game they lost ball in the tackle. Indeed the reputation of the Samoan tacklers preceded them judging by the nervy Italian performance.

SCORERS: Western Samoa: Tries: Lima 2, Harder 2, Tatupu, Kellett. Conversions: Kellett 3. Penalty goals: Kellett 2. Italy: Tries: Marcello Cuttitta, Vaccari Conversion: Dominguez. Penalty goal: Dominguez. Dropped goal: Dominguez.

WESTERN SAMOA: M Umaga (Waikato), B Lima (Marist), T Vaega (Moataa), T Fa'amasino (Valmosa), G Harder (Auckland), D Kellett (Counties), T Nu'uali'itia (Auckland), M Mika (Otago), T Leissamalvao (Moataa), P Fatialofa (Manurewa, captain), S Vaifale (Marist), L Falanitio (Marist), D Williams (Colomiers), J Paramore (Manurewa), S Tatupu (Ponsonby). Falanitio replaced by P Leavasa (Apia, 58 min).

ITALY: P Vaccari (Milan), M Ravazzolo (Calvisano), I Francescato (Treviso), M Bonomi (Milan), Marcello Cuttitta (Milan), D Dominguez (Milan), A Troncon (Milan), Massimo Cuttitta (Milan, captain), C Orlandi (Piacenza), F Properzi Curti (Milan), O Arancio (Catania), P Pedroni (Milan), R Favaro (Treviso), J Gardner (Roma), C Checchinato (Rovigo)

Referee: J Dumé (France)

Wales achieve targets and learn valuable lessons

Wales..... 57
Japan 10

FROM GERALD DAVIES
IN BLOEMFONTEIN

AFTER seven barren months without a victory, Wales will be well pleased that in their first outing in the World Cup they scored seven tries when they had managed only one, against Scotland, during their past five matches.

Since this was against Japan, against whom it might be suggested such scores are only par for the course, it should have been expected. But nothing can be certain in a tournament such as this.

Certainly, from a Welsh point of view, you need only mention Western Samoa and 1991 to understand that this is the case. That Wales scored 36 points in the first half but with ten minutes to go added only another seven, implies that the thrust of their drive had faded in the second half and complacency set in. This view diminishes Japan's active role after the interval. Not only was their defence firm and organised but Japan also, as Alex Evans, the Wales coach, admitted, "found their rhythm and kept up the pace".

Their big men, Bruce Ferguson, Sione and Sinali Lalu, made substantial inroads into the Welsh defence which held *largely intact. The speed with* which Japan distributed the ball, instead of heading for the likely tackler, ensured eventually that space was created for their player from Tonga, Lopeti Oto, a fine and swift runner, to collect a brace of tries. But, as always, Japan suffered from a lack of height in the lineout.

They also lost a lot of the ball at the point of the tackle. Yet, it was not comfortable for Wales either. To begin with, their possession was not always clean. Furthermore, it was 24 minutes into the match before they had their first opportunity to throw the ball into the lineout. With Jones winning this, they promptly scored their first try. Lewis and Taylor led the midfield charge before Hall was tackled early. The ball buzzed off his shoulder, the referee played advantage and Moore, in his first international, won the chase for the touchdown.



Thomas: satisfying debut

It was the scrum half's high kick which led to Ieuan Evans scoring the first of his two first-half tries, taking his international tally to 24. Jenkins, *who had earlier kicked three* penalties, converted Wales's first two tries. But after adding a penalty he failed to convert Evans's second try and the first of three scored by Gareth Thomas on his debut.

During the first half, Wales had exhibited the kind of aggressive skills Evans had asked for. Stuart Davies, Emyr Lewis and Henri Taylor spearheaded many of the attacks but they need to move the ball onwards rather than simply looking to set up the next maul. Other teams, such as New Zealand on Wednesday, will have stronger — and wiser — men lying in wait to engulf them.

Jenkins, who reverted to his customary position at stand-off half for the final quarter after Davies had gone off with a strained ankle, converted Thomas's second try three minutes into the second half. They were not to score again for half an hour, during which Japan were at their most active.

Oto scored his first try and, turning to their quick and clever rugby, they posed many problems for Wales. However, tries by Thomas and Taylor, with Jenkins converting both, took the score over 50 points. But it was Japan, again through Oto, who scored last.

SCORERS: Wales: Tries: Thomas (3), I Evans (2), Taylor, Moore Conversions: N Jenkins (5). Penalty goals: N Jenkins (4)

Japan: Tries: Oto (2)

WALES: A Clement (Swansea), I Evans (Llanelli), M Hall (Cardiff, captain), N Jenkins (Pontypridd) G Thomas (Bridgend) A Davies (Cardiff), A Moore (Cardiff), M Griffiths (Cardiff), G Jenkins (Swansea), J Davies (Neath), S Davies (Swansea), D Jones (Cardiff), G Llewellyn (Neath), H Taylor (Cardiff), E Lewis (Cardiff) A Davies replaced by D Evans (Treorchy, 56min) Jones replaced by S Roy (Cardiff, 72).

JAPAN: T Matsuda (Toshiba Fuchu), L Oto (Daito Bunka University), A Yoshida (Kobe Steel), Y Motoki (Kobe Steel), T Masuho (Kobe Steel), S Hirao (Kobe Steel), M Horikoshi (Steel) O Ota (NEC), M Kunda (Toshiba Fuchu, captain), K Takahashi (Toyota), H Kajihara (Kintetsuruma), Y Sakurabe (Nippon Steel), B Ferguson (Hino Motor), Sinali Lalu (Sanyo Electric), Sione Lalu (Daito Bunka University)

Referee: E Sklar (Argentina)

☐ Wales's victory exacted its price. Mike Hall, the captain, and Adrian Davies, the stand-off half, were injured and may miss the match against New Zealand on Wednesday. Hall has a damaged rib cage and Davies is nursing his injured ankle.

WORLD CUP DETAILS

All times BST

SATURDAY

Pool B

Western Samoa 42 Italy 18

Western Samoa: Tries: Harder 2, Lima 2, Kellett, Tatupu Cons: Kellett 3. Pens: Kellett 2 Italy: Tries: Marcello Cuttitta, Vaccari Con: Dominguez. Pen: Dominguez. Dropped goal: Dominguez.

(in East London)

England 24 Argentina 18

England: Pens: Andrew 6. Dropped goals: Andrew 2. Argentina: Tries: Arbizu, Noriega. Con: Arbizu Pens: Arbizu 2

(in Durban)

Pool C

Wales 57 Japan 10

Wales: Tries: Thomas 3, I Evans 2, Moore, Taylor Cons: N Jenkins 5 Pens: N Jenkins 4 Japan: Tries: Oto 2

(in Bloemfontein)

New Zealand 43 Ireland 19

New Zealand: Tries: Lomu 2, Bunce, Kronfeld, Osborne. Cons: Mehrtens 3. Pens: Mehrtens 4 Ireland: Tries: Corkery, Halpin, McBride Cons: Elwood 2

(in Johannesburg)

PROGRAMME

Pool A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Canada	1	1	0	0	34	3	3
South Africa	1	1	0	0	27	18	3
Australia	1	0	0	1	18	27	1
Romania	1	0	0	1	3	34	1

RESULTS: South Africa 27 Australia 18 (at Cape Town), Canada 34 Romania 3 (at Cape Town)

REMAINING MATCHES: Tomorrow: South Africa v Romania (Cape Town, 1.30pm), May 31: Australia v Canada (Port Elizabeth, noon), June 3: Australia v Romania (Stellenbosch, 2.0pm); South Africa v Canada (Port Elizabeth, 7.0pm)

Pool B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
W Samoa	1	1	0	0	42	18	3
England	1	1	0	0	24	18	3
Argentina	1	0	0	1	18	24	1
Italy	1	0	0	1	18	42	1

RESULTS: Western Samoa 42 Italy 18, England 24 Argentina 18.

REMAINING MATCHES: Tomorrow: Western Samoa v Argentina (East London, 11.30am) May 31: England v Italy (Durban, 4.0pm) June 4: Argentina v Italy (East London, noon), England v Western Samoa (Durban, 7.0pm).

Pool C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wales	1	1	0	0	57	10	3
New Zealand	1	1	0	0	43	19	3
Ireland	1	0	0	1	19	43	1
Japan	1	0	0	1	10	57	1

RESULTS: Wales 57 Japan 10. New Zealand 43 Ireland 19.

REMAINING MATCHES: May 31: Ireland v Japan (Bloemfontein, 2.0pm); New Zealand v Wales (Johannesburg, 7.0pm), June 4: New Zealand v Japan (Bloemfontein, 2.0pm), Ireland v Wales (Johannesburg, 4.0pm).

Pool D

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Scotland	1	1	0	0	89	0	3
France	1	1	0	0	38	10	3
Tonga	1	0	0	1	10	38	1
Ivory Coast	1	0	0	1	0	89	1

RESULTS: Scotland 89 Ivory Coast 0 (at Rustenburg), France 38 Tonga 10 (at *Pretoria).*

REMAINING MATCHES: Tomorrow: France v Ivory Coast (Rustenburg, 5.0pm), Scotland v Tonga (Pretoria, 7.0pm) June 3: Tonga v Ivory Coast (Rustenburg, noon): Scotland v France (Pretoria, 4pm)

Top two in each pool qualify for quarter-finals. In pool matches, three points are awarded for a win, two for a draw, one for a loss and none for failing to appear. If teams finish level on points, the result between them will determine the higher placing; if that was drawn, the number of tries scored will determine

Quarter-finals

June 10: pool D winner v pool C runner-up, Durban (noon); pool A winner v pool B runner-up, Johannesburg (2.30pm).

June 11: pool B winner v pool A runner-up, Cape Town (noon); pool C winner v pool D runner-up, Pretoria (2.30pm).

Semi-finals

June 17: Durban winner v Johannesburg winner, Durban (2pm)

June 18: Cape Town winner v Pretoria winner, Cape Town (2pm)

Third-place play-off

June 22: Pretoria (4pm)

Final

June 24: Johannesburg (2pm).

LEADING SCORERS

Player	T	P	D	C	Pts
G Hastings (Scot)	4	2	0	9	44
T Lacroix (Fr)	2	3	0	3	25
R Andrew (Eng)	0	6	2	0	24
N Jenkins (Wales)	0	4	0	5	22
J Stransky (SA)	1	4	1	1	22
G Rees (Can)	0	4	1	2	19
A Mehrtens (NZ)	0	4	0	3	18
D Kellett (W Samoa)	1	2	0	3	17
G Thomas (Wales)	3	0	0	0	15
L Arbizu (Arg)	1	2	0	1	13
M Lynagh (Aus)	1	2	0	1	13
I Evans (Wales)	2	0	0	0	10
G Harder (W Samoa)	2	0	0	0	10
B Lima (W Samoa)	2	0	0	0	10
K Logan (Scot)	2	0	0	0	10
J Lomu (NZ)	2	0	0	0	10
L Oto (Japan)	2	0	0	0	10
P Walton (Scot)	2	0	0	0	10

LATEST BETTING

LADBROKES: 13-8 South Africa, 11-4 Australia, New Zealand, 7-1 England, 8-1 France, 25-1 Scotland, 66-1 Argentina, Wales, Western Samoa, 150-1 Ireland, 500-1 Canada, Tonga, 1,000-1 Italy, Romania, 1,500-1 Japan, 3,000-1 Ivory Coast.

WILLIAM HILL: 7-4 South Africa, 5-2 New Zealand, 3-1 Australia, 13-2 England, 9-1 France, 25-1 Scotland, 66-1 Wales, Western Samoa, 150-1 Ireland, 200-1 Argentina, 300-1 Canada, 500-1 Tonga, 1,000-1 Italy, 5,000-1 Romania, 10,000-1 Japan, 25,000-1 Ivory Coast.

Play-off final puts one of football's poor relations in sight of Premiership

Reading prepare to break new ground

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON



Madejski, the Reading chairman, is aware that Elm Park's antiquated charm is ill-suited to the Premiership. Photograph: Stewart Cook

FOR John Madejski, the Reading chairman, it was an isolated barb amid an avalanche of praise and support. Yet it hurt, deeply. "Maybe you think it's vulgar what Jack Walker has done at Blackburn Rovers but he has been a supporter all his life and has now reaped the rewards," the letter read. "It's just a hobby for you. You have no feeling towards Reading and will desert them as soon as it goes wrong."

Madejski, mortified, read on: "If Reading fans had a choice between you and Walker, it would be no contest. You and Robert Chase deserve each other. It's not surprising that you've said you're going to walk to Wembley because you're too tight to pay the bus fare."

Though signed, the venomous missive bore no address. "It's a shame, I'd like to have replied," Madejski said. "I feel sorry for the person who wrote it. It's quite dreadful really, horrendous. You work hard and try to do your best and you get something like this."

Reading, poor little Reading, stand on the brink of the FA Carling Premiership. If they beat Bolton Wanderers in the Endsleigh Insurance League first division play-off final at Wembley today, they will enter a world of arrogance and avarice never experienced in their modest 124-year history. It is an exciting and frightening prospect, a nervous lurch into the unknown.

Madejski does not deny he described the massive spending of Walker, the Blackburn benefactor, as "vulgar". "Maybe my language was a bit fruity but it was not meant personally," he said. He paled, though, at the comparison with Chase, the Norwich City chairman, who has been blamed for the club's relegation from the Premiership. He winced, too, at the accusation of short arms and deep pockets; he is walking to Wembley to raise money for the Children In Need charity.

"I get very resentful about that, sometimes," he said. "It's not as if I've sat on my backside doing nothing over the past 4½ years. It's unfair for people to keep wanting more and more. I might have £X million on paper but it's not cash. Perhaps the answer is to sell all my interests but I'm not of a mind to do that. Why should I?"

Madejski, 54, has been ranked as the eightieth richest person in Britain, worth an estimated £150 million from his publishing empire. He has given Reading £3 million in loans that he accepts are effectively irretrievable. The bank overdraft stands at £590,000 and the Berkshire club, second division champions last year, will lose £500,000 this season.

No amount of wealth, however, can prepare Elm Park, Reading's archaic ground, for what might lie ahead. Though its pitch is still green and grassy, and the imaginative players who grace it have deservedly, if surprisingly, earned a tilt at the Premiership, everything else is locked into a time warp, from the decaying main stand, with its honeycomb of small rooms and offices underneath, to the three sides of terraces, two without cover, that provide quaint yet antiquated surrounds.

Elm Park celebrates its centenary in September next year but it has long since become a frail old lady. It has a capacity of 14,000 that, when reached, stretches the club's resources into a time warp, from the point of collapse, and there are only 2,200 seats.

Improvements have been made since Madejski rode in to combat the threats of extinction, yet the rows of terraced houses that envelop the ground prevent any realistic expansion. The team that Mark McGhee built, before moving on to Leicester City in December, and the team that Mick Gooding and Jimmy Quinn, the joint player-managers, have inherited and inspired, has simply outgrown its home.

"It's all a bit scary," Madejski admitted. "Premiership football is an awesome possibility and, at the moment, it feels like we're going to a wedding without a house to live in. None of the board has any real football experience, it's all been done a bit hand to mouth on one enormous learning curve, and perhaps we're not ready for this."

A ground-share option, with Queens Park Rangers and Chelsea considered, was scotched by local public opinion and the Football League, but at least Reading still have two years — Bolton, who were promoted two seasons ago, have only one — in which to comply with the all-seat requirement of the Taylor Report. "Both clubs are well aware of what they have to do," John De Quidt, the chief executive of the Football Licensing Authority, said. "It's not a case of us sending in the cavalry, but we are monitoring the situation."

Salvation, though, is at hand. As Bolton write off Burnden Park and move into new, purpose-built accommodation, Reading will also bid farewell to Elm Park. A £30 million, 20,000-capacity stadium is planned for the outskirts of the town, by the M4 and next to the speedway and greyhound tracks at Smallmead. However, it will not be ready until the 1997-98 season, with construction unable to start before decontamination of the former rubbish tip has been completed.

Until then, Reading will muddle through, barely concerned that Sir John Hall, the chairman of Newcastle United, has questioned their right to a place among the elite. Sir John's closed-shop mentality is typical Premiership pomposity and he conveniently forgets that, three years ago, Newcastle came perilously close to joining Reading in the old third division. Three years ago, presumably, some of his postbag was less than complimentary, too.

Osborn intent on second promotion

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

SIMON OSBORN has delayed a knee ligament operation until Friday so that he can take his place in the Reading side to meet Bolton Wanderers in the Endsleigh Insurance League first division play-off final today.

Osborn, who has been out for three months this year and will play today in some discomfort, passed up the chance of FA Carling Premiership football when he decided to join Reading from Crystal Palace last summer. He appeared only intermittently for Palace last season as they won the first division championship.

The 23-year-old midfield player, a £90,000 signing, has been attracting the Premiership scouts all season as Reading's most influential player. "I ran out of contract at Palace and hadn't played that many games in the promotion-winning side," he said. "I needed to get away, partly because of the style of play there and also I needed a new challenge. Reading gave me that and now, if we can reach the Premiership, that's my goal achieved."

It is no coincidence that in the nine games since Osborn returned, Reading have hit their best form of the season, with Stuart Lovell and Lee Nogan, the strikers, scoring 14 goals in this spell. Wembley should suit Reading and Bolton, who will be making their second appearance there in two months after the defeat by Liverpool in the Coca-Cola Cup final, as the sides play attractive, passing football. The duel between Osborn and Jason McAteer, the Ireland international and an inspiration in midfield for Bolton, will have an important bearing, though Reading have concentrated on their own approach rather than the opposition.

"We haven't talked about what they can do," Osborn said. "It's about what we can do. If we perform to the standard we have done all season, I'm sure we can beat them. We beat them at home six weeks ago and I don't see why we can't repeat that on the bigger pitch in the bigger atmosphere of Wembley."

BOLTON WANDERERS (from): K Branagan, S Green, J Phillips, J McAteer, G Bergsson, A Stubbs, O Coyle, M Paatelainen, J McGinlay, A Thompson, J Dreyer, F de Freitas, N McDonald, P Shilton, A Davison.

READING: S Hislop, A Bernal, M Gilkes, D Widowczyk, A Williams, K McPherson, S Osborn, M Gooding, S Taylor, S Lovell, L Nogan. Subs (from): J Quinn, J Hopkins, P Parkinson, S Sheppard, T Jones, D Kerr.

Stewart's dismay bars path to riches for Rovers

Bristol Rovers 1
Huddersfield Town 2

BY ALYSON RUDD

MARCUS STEWART, the Bristol-born Bristol Rovers forward, will have a recurring nightmare featuring a tape-measure. Twice he struck the woodwork, most heartachingly in the ninetieth minute with a delicious, swerving shot, but despite his best efforts, Huddersfield Town were not to be denied their first Wembley success in the Endsleigh Insurance League second division play-off final yesterday.

The first division can now welcome the club it would probably have preferred. Huddersfield can boast a state-of-the-art stadium: Bristol Rovers cannot boast a ground at all, having to make do with sharing facilities with the non-league club, Bath City. But there was nothing inferior about their performance.

It was only Rovers' second defeat in their last 17 games, an impressive enough run for John Ward, their manager, to give an honest, critical assessment of how his side let themselves down during the first 45 minutes.

Huddersfield looked to have secured a deserved half-time advantage when, in injury time, an overhead kick from Jepson was kept in the air by Bullock and Scully, and finally headed in by Booth. However, just 68 seconds later, Rovers equalised through Stewart. It gave Rovers the adrenalin kick they needed. Their fluid second-half display was a credit to the division, and deserved some reward.

When the ball rebounded off the crossbar in the 53rd minute, Taylor, three yards out, should have scored off the rebound. Stewart was a constant threat, but Huddersfield bided their time until Dunn came on as substitute and crossed the ball to Booth, who headed across the goalmouth for Billy to give Huddersfield the lead.

Browning blasted in a terrific 25-yard shot that was just tipped over the crossbar by Francis with four minutes left, and when Stewart hit the crossbar in the last minute, Rovers' fate was sealed. More than 59,000, a second division play-off final record attendance, saw one of Wembley's better matches.

It now remains to be seen whether Neil Warnock, the Huddersfield manager, stays with the club. He has been tipped to join Derby County and has made no secret of his dissatisfaction with his contract, which is due for renewal.

BRISTOL ROVERS (4-4-2): B Parkin — D Prichard, B Clark, A Tillson, A Gurney — W Sterling, P Miller, J Skinner, J Channing (sub: L Archer, 84min) — G Taylor (sub: M Browning, 80). M Stewart.
HUDDERSFIELD TOWN (4-2-4): S Francis — S Trevitt (sub: J Dyson, 55), P Scully, L Sinnott, T Cowan — D Bullock, L Duxbury — C Billy, A Booth, R Jepson, G Crosby (sub: I Dunn, 80).
Referee C Wilkes.

Change of style for Eubank in brief, but bloody win

BY SRIKUMAR SEN
BOXING CORRESPONDENT

IT WAS a pity Chris Eubank's bout with Bruno Godoy lasted just 2min 45sec, the referee ruling the Argentinian could not continue after his left eye was badly cut in an accidental clash of heads.

Everyone at the King's Hall, Belfast, was looking forward to finding out whether Eubank was really capable of boxing positively after so many years of doing as little as possible in the ring.

However, even in that short spell it was possible to detect a distinct improvement in Eubank's attitude. He is so determined to avenge the defeat by Steve Collins, of Ireland, last March, that he finally came to his senses, put aside his showboating and got down to boxing. Eubank also said he felt more relaxed because the pressures of being champion had been lifted.

For a change, Eubank did not rely so much on counter-punching and went after his man. He caught Godoy with stiff jabs several times and an uppercut split the Argentinian's nose early in the round. One solid left hook that landed cleanly on Godoy's chin clearly indicated that, not only did Eubank mean business, but that the bout would not go the distance.

Eubank swore that he would not let Collins off again when they meet in July. Eubank, who had the Irishman on the floor in their bout but did not follow up the advantage, is still smarting from the psychological trick that Collins played on him.

He was reported to have claimed that he had been hypnotised and that not only was he immune to pain but could see the target area greatly magnified and



Eubank: positive approach

Eubank's punches coming in slow motion. "He used unnatural tactics," Eubank said. "Ones which were unfair and I did not make allowances for. He spooked me. I was close to pulling out. Next time I'll beat him come what may. He can have the devil on his side. There is no hope for him. He will get annihilated."

Eubank cannot wait to get Collins in the ring but fears the champion will "wiggle and squirm" to get out of the bout. "I'm sure he wants to get out of it," Eubank said, "because I was 55 per cent last time. God forbid that I'm 60 or 70 per cent next time."

Collins has turned down an offer from his own manager and promoter, Barry Hearn, of £1.2 million and has asked for the contest to go to purse offers. Collins is hoping that some other promoter, such as Frank Warren, will come up with more money.

Purse offers will be open on Tuesday in New York. Hearn said he might not even put in a bid. He said he was looking forward to putting on his manager's hat and picking up his cut of 25 per cent.

The bout has been ordered by the World Boxing Organisation (WBO) and must be held by the end of July. If the purse falls short of Collins's expectation and he withdraws, he risks being stripped of the title.

The bout between Eamonn Loughran, the WBO welterweight champion from Northern Ireland, and Angel Beltre, of the Dominican Republic, was also halted because the challenger suffered a cut eyebrow in the third round. The contest between Neil Sinclair, of Belfast, and Andy Jervis, of Liverpool, was stopped in the third round because Sinclair was cut by the left eye in an accidental clash of heads.

Bury's fire burns out too quickly

Alyson Rudd sees justice done as Chesterfield triumph 2-0 in third division play-off final

FOOTBALL is an uncomplicated game but what rules there are have to be obeyed. On Saturday, Bury broke one of the golden ones and inevitably came unstuck.

The Lancashire side strode out for the Endsleigh Insurance League third division play-off final and began immediately to play as if a date at Wembley was as nerve-racking as filling up the kettle.

This was Bury's first visit to Wembley, yet they passed the ball with aplomb and peppered the Chesterfield goalmouth with shots that required the very best of Stewart, the Chesterfield goalkeeper. So much for the truism of taking time to settle into a game on the big occasion.

So much, too, for the need to make a bright start. After 23 minutes of looking clear losers, Chesterfield scored, soaked up more Bury pressure, and then took a 2-0 lead into the interval.

It rocked Bury to their core. And their second-half performance was as proletarian as their first-half efforts had been superior.

It was not just a case of pride coming before a fall. Bury's marking for the two goals was poor but Chesterfield were fortunate that their opening strike was not disallowed — Robinson appeared to be offside as he tried to head on Lormor's shot. Paul Alcock, the referee, decided Robinson had connected with the ball, although it was clear from the replay you would have to question how much gel the former Aston Villa and Wolverhampton Wanderers midfielder puts in his hair if contact had been made.

Robinson acknowledged as much after the match as he ruffled his fringe and said he was content just to claim the second goal, a firm 41st minute header from Law's throw-in.

In the end the scoreline could have been embarrassing. Chesterfield failed to punish an increasingly dispirited Bury and Davies and Morris fluffed simple chances late in the match.

Mike Walsh, the Bury manager, could not bring himself to agree that as Chesterfield had finished one point above his side in the third division, the play-off final had brought justice. He did, however, praise the play-off system for giving supporters a trip to Wembley they had all seemingly enjoyed immensely.

BURY (4-4-2): G Kelly — A Woodward, C Lucketti, M Jackson, R Stanislaus — J Mulligan (sub: I Hughes, 61min), A Rigby, N Daws, D Pugh — M Carter (sub: J Paskin, 46), P Stant.
CHESTERFIELD (4-4-2): B Stewart — J Hewitt, D Carr, N Law, L Rogers — D Hazel, P Robinson, T Curtis, J Howard (sub: C Perkins, 77) — A Lormor (sub: K Davies, 85), A Morris.
Referee: P Alcock.

End justifies means for grateful Celtic

Airdrieonians 0
Celtic 1

BY KEVIN MCCARRA

CELTIC'S supporters gave their quality control department Saturday afternoon off. A single goal from Pierre van Hooijdonk beat Airdrieonians in the Tennents Scottish Cup Final and nobody on the victors' side was prepared to quibble over the manner in which Celtic's first trophy for six years had been attained. "I wouldn't care if we'd won ½-0," one fan summed up at Hampden Park.

As a spectacle, the game did carry only fractional interest, but Celtic, after taking a lead in just nine minutes through the Dutch striker's slick header from Tosh McKinlay's cross, were not obliged to do any further buccaneering. For their part, Airdrie found that carefully-prepared tactics had suddenly become inappropriate.

Half of Alex MacDonald's team were employed as man-to-man markers and they did succeed in disrupting the opposition's lines of communication. Celtic were even forced back, but Airdrie's pressing game carried no cutting edge. Although the Lanarkshire club chased an equaliser, that quarry was far beyond them and Pat Bonner was obliged only to make one serious save.

The game itself must be quickly forgotten and Celtic will prefer instead to savour its consequences. Hampden was flecked with little biographies of joy. The manager, Tommy Burns, had won a big prize in his first harrowing year in charge. Paul McStay, whose missed penalty gave Raith Rovers the Coca-Cola Cup in November, was free of the fear that he might become the only Celtic captain never to win a trophy. Peter Grant, after being doubtful with a serious knee injury, impelled himself to the man-of-the-match award, assembling a display composed of voracious tackling, shrewd judgment and handsome passing. Most important of all, he and the rest of the team will no longer hear their temperament and courage mocked.

In one respect, though, Celtic do have to care about their performance in the final. Burns has to assess continually the distance that separates his side from Rangers. It cannot be enough for Celtic to abruptly win a trophy once or twice a decade. They are expected to be capable of competing steadily for honours.

The Cup itself is a highly agreeable diversion, but Celtic recognise that their principal obligations lie with the Bell's Scottish League championship. The club has not only failed to prevent Rangers winning the premier division for the past seven seasons, but has never even been in contention.

The resulting discontent brought about a takeover of Celtic last year. Celtic's new regime has almost immediately excelled its predecessors, yet is still far from restoring prosperity and harmony.

The team may not be quite so dreary as Saturday suggested, but Burns does need to buy flair. The whole process, curiously enough, is likely to involve the sale of the deft midfield player, John Collins. He believes that the final marked the end of his years with Celtic and is now ready to sample English football, perhaps with Chelsea or Middlesbrough.



Van Hooijdonk celebrates by lifting the Scottish Cup

The sale may bring Burns around £2.5 million to add to his war chest. Spending it, though, is a vexed business. A significant role in transfer deals is taken by the managing director and effective owner of Celtic, Fergus McCann. Burns is infuriated that his employer's desire to negotiate favourable terms has so far prevented the signing of Marc Degryse, of Anderlecht, and Dmitri Radchenko, of Racing Santander. The pair are priced at a total of £3.5 million.

Burns admitted on Saturday that his relationship with the managing director "isn't as good as it could be". McCann, however, is not a spoilsport skinflint. In fact, he is in the habit of writing enormous cheques. These, however, relate to the £30 million reconstruction of Celtic Park. It is task that cannot be shirked.

As one observer wryly put it: "McCann wants to build a ground. Burns wants to fill it." In reality, that conflict is an illusion. If Celtic are ever to become prosperous enough to be a regular bidder for top quality players, they will need a large, attractive stadium with money-spinning hospitality suites and executive boxes. In the meantime, the club must provide stylish football to retain the essential backing of their supporters.

McCann and Burns, as they surely each know, are both right. "It is a learning process for both of us," McCann admitted, "and I think things are changing for the better." Two stubborn men need to discover how to make concessions to each other. A genuine partnership will be hard to create, yet, until it is established, Celtic will not be fully prepared for all the challenges that await.

AIRDRIEONIANS (5-3-2): J Martin — J Boyle, P Jack, J Sandison, G Hay (sub: T McIntyre, 82min), A Stewart — A M Smith, P Harvey (sub: A Smith, 51), K Black — A Lawrence, S Cooper.
CELTIC (4-4-2): P Bonner — R Vata, M McNally, T Boyd, T McKinlay — B McLaughlin, P McStay, P Grant, J Collins — P van Hooijdonk (sub: W Falconer, 39), S Donnelly (sub: P O'Donnell, 70).
Referee: I Mottram.

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Slice of history beckons for Agassi and Sampras

FROM STUART JONES
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IN PARIS

NO MAN has collected all four grand slam championships since Rod Laver in 1969. No American has achieved the feat since Donald Budge 57 years ago. An additional prize, therefore, dangles before the top two seeds in the French Open which begins today.

Andre Agassi and Pete Sampras have both claimed the other three titles and, in the charming surrounds of Roland Garros, are competing against each other to be the first to claim a piece of history. "If one of us wins it," Agassi states, "that will be a big story."

The odds favour him rather than his compatriot. The top seed, Agassi has twice featured in the final and reckons that he should have made his initial mark here. On both occasions he was expected to do so but he went down to Andres Gomez in 1990 and Jim Courier the following year. When he did make the breakthrough three years ago it occurred in the most improbable of arenas, the centre court at Wimbledon.

The baseliner, following in the trail blazed by Bjorn Borg, was thereafter in turn distracted, disillusioned, ill-disciplined and injured before forging a partnership with Brad Gilbert on the practice court and Brooke Shields off it. He professes to be reformed.

"I always rose to the occasion in grand slams," he reveals, "but I don't think I ever enjoyed what was happening when I was doing it." But, shorn and dressed as a pirate for the first time in January, he visibly revelled in his triumphant debut at the Australian Open.

"I'd win the matches and be at dinner feeling good versus worrying about the next match. It is nice challenging someone to come and beat you, trying to protect your ranking and defending the respect you have earned. That is the difference and it is exciting."

His new philosophy is more consequential than his apparent lack of preparation. In 1992, after reaching the semi-finals at Roland Garros, he did nothing for a fortnight, turned up comparatively unheralded at Wimbledon and proceeded to dumbfound experts and opponents alike.

ROLAND GARROS SEEDINGS

Men	Women
1 A Agassi (US)	1 A Sánchez Vicario (Sp)
2 P Sampras (US)	2 S Graf (Ger)
3 B Becker (Ger)	3 M Pierce (Fr)
4 G Ivanisevic (Cro)	4 C Martinez (Sp)
5 T Muster (Austria)	5 J Novotna (Cz)
6 M Chang (US)	6 M Maleeva (Bul)
7 S Bruguera (Sp)	7 L Davenport (US)
8 W Ferreira (SA)	8 G Sabatini (Arg)
9 Y Kafelnikov (Russ)	9 K Date (Japan)
10 M Larsson (Swe)	10 N Zvereva (Belo)
11 A Berasategui (Sp)	11 A Huber (Ger)
12 M Stich (Ger)	12 I Majoli (Cro)
13 C Courier (US)	13 M-J Fernandez (US)
14 T Martin (US)	14 A Frazier (US)
15 R Krajicek (Holl)	15 H Sukova (Cz)
16 M Rosset (Switz)	16 N Sawamatsu (Japan)

Reasoning that he "doesn't need that much practice on clay", he has not competed since submitting to Sergi Bruguera in the German Open and indulging in a verbal rally with an irate spectator who accused him of not trying. Agassi himself was not concerned about his heavy defeat.

He admits that he and Sampras are more vulnerable on clay than on any other surface. However, he adds: "When you are confident, you are striking the ball well and you are hitting it hard and consistently, for all the difference it makes, you could be playing on cow dung."

He starts against Karsten Braasch, a German renowned for his curious service action. He resembles a windmill out of control and, to his credit, even he can see the funny side of it. "When I watch myself on television," he says, "even I have to laugh."

More serious collisions potentially lie ahead for Agassi. His fellow seeds in the stronger top half of the draw include Alberto Berasategui, last year's runner-up though now plainly out of sorts, Courier, twice the former champion, Goran Ivanisevic and Thomas Muster.

In claiming the Italian Open title a week ago, Muster extended his unbeaten sequence on clay to 28 matches. He requires four more victories to surpass Mats Wilander's run a dozen years ago but another 18 to equal the record set by Guillermo Vilas in 1977.

Muster has publicly been playing down his chances of becoming the champion. Nevertheless, he is naturally overflowing with belief and is likely to pose a genuine threat to Agassi, if they follow their scheduled paths to the semi-final, and anybody else he happens to cross.

Sampras concedes that he is not yet content on red sand. He has recently insisted, during his warm-up in Europe, that he is "missing just a bit", but the evidence suggests he remains further away than that from assuming the command he holds on other surfaces.

Assuming that Sampras does progress to the last eight, he will expect then to endure his most uncomfortable ordeal in the bottom half of the draw. His prospective opponent in the quarter-final is Bruguera, the winner for the past two years and the seventh seed.

Since aggravating a knee injury, originally suffered while playing football during last year's Italian Open, Bruguera has steadily, and ominously, improved.

The women's championship will be dominated by Steffi Graf but not necessarily on court. The second seed has been inactive for two months, fuelling speculation that the spur in her lower spine may prompt her prematurely to end her career.

Deadly finish by Denmark earns tribute from Tergat

BY DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRRESPONDENT

THE first port of call for Paul Tergat, after his race in Portsmouth's naval dockyard on Saturday, was to first aid. Elastoplast on both hands and a knee, the latest of Kenya's world champions emerged to commend Rob Denmark on a 5,000 metres well run. An Elastoplast performance, no less.

Denmark stuck to Tergat like medical tape after the Kenyan's fall early in the race had allowed him to close a gap. On the run-in, the Briton delivered a kick reminiscent of those which won him the 1993 European Cup and 1994 Commonwealth Games 5,000 metres gold medals.

Whether Denmark would have won had Tergat, two months into his reign as world cross country champion, stayed on his feet throughout is a moot point. However, Tergat recovered his composure enough to beat all other challengers, including Lameck Aguta, the Commonwealth Games 10,000 metres champion.

"It is important to beat these guys [the Kenyans]," Denmark said. "I will go away confident now for my next race."

Nothing, though, would do more for his confidence than a win on the track in Nuremburg on June 15, when home support will be for Dieter Baumann, Germany's Olympic and European 5,000 metres champion. Baumann stood between Denmark and a European and Commonwealth double last season.

Denmark reaffirmed his intention to miss the European Cup in Lille next month. The British Athletic Federation (BAF) had better move swiftly if it is to secure the services of the obvious alternative, John Nuttall.

Nuttall performed superbly in the World Cup last September, finishing second, when Denmark was needed for the 10,000 metres. His third place in Portsmouth, ahead of Aguta and a strong British contingent, indicates that Denmark will need to be on his toes if he is to have a fifth successive season as British No 1. But Nuttall said he would accept a European Cup place only if he was contacted soon and guaranteed world championship selection if he runs well in Lille. He would not expect the privilege if he ran poorly.

Relations between the BAF and Britain's leading 5,000 metres pair have improved but remain strained. Although George Gandy, the national event coach, had spoken with him, Denmark has had no contact with the BAF management since his summer successes. "I should imagine I will get some phone calls now because they will probably remember who I am after this has been on telly," he said.

Nuttall recalled how last year he had no help finding races, hence his insistence that if the BAF wants him for Lille, it must call now so he can plan his season beyond the Rome grand prix on June 8.

Paul Evans, fifth in Portsmouth, is the obvious candidate for the 10,000 metres in Lille. He would consider accepting only, he said, with "an assurance I get picked for the world championships". At least Yvonne Murray, second in Portsmouth to Derartu Tulu, the world cross country champion from Ethiopia, has committed herself to Lille at 5,000 metres.



Denmark: Winning kick



A moment of calm in the national schools regatta at Holme Pierrepoint. Conditions eventually caused curtailment of the programme. Photograph: Marc Aspland

Eton take revenge on Hampton for Ghent defeat

BY MIKE ROSEWELL
ROWING CORRESPONDENT

COMPETITORS from 108 other clubs and schools watched Eton retain their championship eights title at the national schools rowing regatta and conclude proceedings at Holme Pierrepoint on Saturday. They did so with an exhibition of technique, power, and race tactics which snuffed out a challenge from Hampton, who had beaten them, convincingly, at Ghent regatta four weeks previously.

Conditions were dreadful and the rising wind eventually caused the cancellation of the 125-race programme yesterday. Spectators on Saturday, though, had already seen Eton lead, just, from Hampton, Shrewsbury and St Edwards at halfway in the final race. St Edwards's hopes at this point were dashed when Colin Swainson, 14st 3lb, was catapulted out of the boat by a wave-induced crab as onlookers, in a bus following the contest, waited for Hampton's push. It came too late, at 1,100 metres, when Eton's confidence was established and their stroke, James Cazenove, immediately responded and led his crew on to a clear water win.

Eton's second eight, coached by the British international, Guy Pooley, won the Child Beale Cup against other school first eights and Tom Westerling, Eton's Norwegian international sculler, won the Championship Sculls and the prize of a new sculling boat, valued at some £4,000.

SPORT IN SCHOOLS

Nobody would argue that Eton's boat club has maintained its momentum since its foundation in 1816. Eton's Henley record and their nurturing of internationals, Matthew Pinsent being their present star old boy, is unlikely to be challenged by any other school, particularly since their system today is as impressive as ever.

They use leading coaches, the incumbent being Bruce Grainger who moved to Eton four years ago from his job as the Great Britain junior coach. His pedigree, as Britain's most successful junior international coach, did not prevent him from being used with Eton's junior 16s for two years before moving to the top squad. "One has to learn the way that Eton works and find your place in the system," he said.

Eton's success did not spread to lower age groupings on Saturday and this, according to Paul Wright, an Eton housemaster, former first eight coach and, interestingly, a product of Hampton, is almost deliberate. "We build towards a final effort at top level and concentrate on technique, not necessarily wins, with the younger members. It is hard for the boys, they love to win." The younger boys can spread their athletic prowess but, said Wright, "in the sixth they stick to rowing. It is the most prestigious sport at school, not necessarily conceived as such by the boys, but certainly by the authorities".

Hampton, and their young coach, Martin Orviss, an ex-coxswain, were clearly devastated. "Perhaps the worst thing we did was to beat them in Ghent," Julian Fox, Hampton's administrator, said. It was fair comment since a wounded Etonian becomes motivated. Grainger admitted: "We learnt a lot in Belgium although we were seriously under power due to illness." Grainger and Orviss will now focus on Henley, although both still have numerous contenders for junior selection, some of whom could well row together under British colours in Poland in August. Henley is almost Eton's second home and has been for nearly two centuries.

Hampton, however, whose boat club was founded only in 1956, has already produced the rowers of the calibre of the Searle brothers and an impressive royal regatta record. The performances of both crews on Saturday will presumably cause the Henley Stewards to give them "selected" status and, if admitting, they could not do battle in front of another huge gathering in a Henley final.

Kent seals victory for Indio

INDIO retained the Cowdray Park polo club's prize, the Dollar Cup, at Ambersham, yesterday with a 7-6 victory over Roger Whewell's Innerwick, based on Ascot Park (John Watson writes).

Indio, Lucas White's team, pivoted on the all-England seven-goaler, Alan Kent, who is noted for his long hitting. Three penalty conversions from Kent's mallet in the first chukka gave Indio a lead which they were not to surrender until the second half of this encounter. The third chukka opened at 3-1 in their favour.

The match was notable for the presence in opposition of the Wade brothers Jonny, Kent's No 2, for Indio, and Adrian, who was positioned at No 3 for Innerwick. A goal by Adrian drew Innerwick level in the third chukka at 4-4.

Le Hardy, the Innerwick Back who scored three goals overall, made the tally 5-5 to close the penultimate chukka. Innerwick took the lead for the first time in the last, but Kent knocked home two more, including a fine 60-yarder, to seal Indio's triumph.

INDIO: 1, The Hon L White (1); 2, J Wade (4), 3, Kent (7); Back, A Hotson (-1).
INNERWICK: 1, R Whewell (0), 2, G Cusino (5), 3, Wade (5); Back, J le Hardy (2).

Pizza of the cricket world leaves warm glow

Alyson Rudd enjoys the good humour and assorted company of a day out at the Oval

It was a struggle, through the heat, through the discomfort of being eight months pregnant, but foraging around the West End for tickets for the Texaco Trophy one-day cricket international at the Oval proved to be a reasonable and necessary warm-up for the match itself.

Armed with a pair of £30 tickets that had each cost £90, three carrier bags of picnic food and drink, two cushions and a hat, we set off for Vauxhall. Taking the car was unwise but, then *having* a car in central London is unwise. Luckily, a piece of wide pavement with no clamping warnings sprang up out of nowhere and, with the guilty air of someone who has pocketed a tenner found in the gutter, we left the Nissan there.

We were close to the Oval but unfortunately unaware of just how close we were to our entry gate and proceeded to walk right the way around the ground when we had been just yards from the Gover stand.

The queue was 50 metres long and slow, which gave us ample time to memorise the plum-voiced tannoy recording that tickets had all been sold (no kidding), rowdiness would not be tolerated and excessive amounts of alcohol were prohibited. Excessive in this instance translated as sufficient to start up an off-licence, for crates of Foster's were being easily dragged in by the barmy army.

I gawped. A few weeks earlier I had had to plead with a policeman to allow me to take my small plastic bottle of Evian into Selhurst Park. "I'm in the press box and I'm heavily pregnant and it's so hot," just about convinced the officer that my drink would not end up striking the back of a goalkeeper's head.

It was very warm on Friday and everyone seemed to be downing copious amounts of alcohol with no side-effects whatsoever. Indeed the good humour of the supporters was one of the day's highlights. Fielders on the boundary laughed at the jokes and there was not a missile in sight.

All the while, air hostess look-alikes kept trying to foist airline-style food into our laps. It gradually dawned on us that we might, through the seedy, mysterious workings of the ticket-agency system, have bought corporate hospitality tickets. They were a motley crew — mobile phone-hugging wide boys, ladies dressed like the mother of the bride, and mildly hysterical West Indians. "Re-spect, re-spect" demanded one such gentleman as he held aloft photographs of Brian Lara.

Still, at least this group of corporately-entertained spectators were, at all times, in their seats. On my first visit to Lord's a few years back, I was staggered at how much time people spent wining and dining indoors, boasting how much they loved cricket yet dawdling over coffee and mints when there was a perfectly decent Test match going on outside. Cricket is not my first love, by any means, but it hits corporate chit-chat for a six.

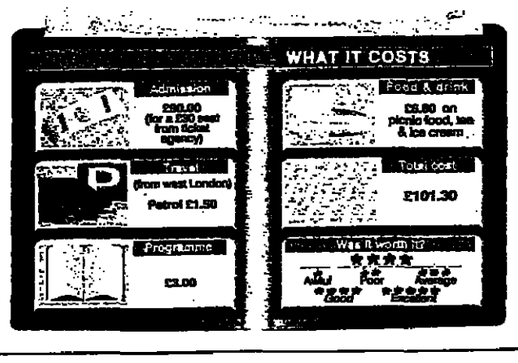
The one-day international is the pizza of the cricket world. It is quick, tasty and satisfying, leaves the connoisseur cold, and is rarely memorable. But it is still cricket, and England's ponderous, if astute, opening overs, were gently rocking me to sleep as the sun slyly singed my skin. Why, oh why, had all the tannoy announcements not warned us about sunstroke?

Suddenly, the atmosphere changed. The West Indies began to field more spectacularly. Michael Atherton just missed out on a century and Neil Fairbrother rekindled my Lancashire pride. Later, after Peter Martin's impressive bowling performance on his debut, that pride was positively bursting. Sitting next to an ardent Yorkshire supporter helped. "Gough, now he'll want Lara and he'll get Lara," he said. My Lancashire lad did for him instead.

Still, Lara's dismissal diluted the excitement somewhat. I had expected him to hit at least 32 sixes and break Vivian Richards's 189 not out record. I needed a cup of tea to keep me going through the West Indies' valiant, if uninspiring, fightback. The tea was 80p and disgusting but then I was probably the only person at the Oval who had ever bought one judging by the look on the caterer's face.

Other facilities were satisfactory and queueing was unnecessary, if you timed your sorties right. Quite why 30 people all needed to use the phone boxes at four o'clock, though, I'll never know.

All in all, it was a match worth telling your folks about when you got home; but not so good that it could not wait until the after-sun lotion had been applied.



Funnell completes faultless display

BY JENNY MACARTHUR

PIPPA FUNNELL, the 1992 national champion, won the Brittany Ferries Windsor International Horse Trials yesterday after leading the event from start to finish on Ann Burner's outstanding six-year-old, Designer Tramp.

Funnell, 26, whose husband William is an international show jumper, completed three days of faultless competition with a clear round in the show jumping. Didier Seguret, of France, competing in his eighteenth — and last — three-day-event with the heroic Newlot, now 16, retained second place. Philip Surl achieved his best result at this level with third place on Jan Whitworth's Coxley Kontiki.

Designer Tramp, described by Funnell as "some machine", is a grandson of Bustino through his sire, Trampler. Hunted as a four-year-old with the Crawley and Horsham his able jumping and easy gallop were seen to thrilling effect in the cross-country on Saturday, where he was one of only eight in his section to finish within the time. Funnell's concern now is to find a sponsor for the horse in case the owner is tempted to sell.

Earlier, Polly Gowers, from Stow-on-the-Wold, achieved her first three-day event win when she held on to her overnight lead in the national section with a clear round on the Irish-bred seven-year-old, I'm A Believer.

Gowers, 27, relegated Terry Boon, the Young Riders European silver medal-winner, to second place on Right On Top. She attributed her improvement in the sport to dressage lessons from the international rider, Carl Hester.

Lucy Wiegersma, the daughter of the Cornwall-based former Badminton rider, Henry Wiegersma, won the British junior championship after Katherine Duckitt and Joe Brown, the overnight leaders, incurred ten faults in the show jumping.

The cello-playing Wiegersma, 18, has been a member of the British junior team for the past two years. One of six clear inside the time in her section on the Jonathan Warr-designed cross-country course on Saturday, she describes Shaaboo, a nine-year-old by Shaab, as "much more than a junior horse".

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Tamure offered classic encouragement

By Robert Wright

ON A weekend in which good quality racing was spread across the country, the most telling pointers for the future came for the John Gosden-trained Tamure, whose Derby prospects were given a boost by the performances of Sonic Boy and Minds Music.

Owned by Sheikh Mohammed, Tamure now looks to be a worthy second string to Derby favourite, Pennekamp.

When maintaining his unbeaten record in the Michael Seely Memorial Glasgow Stakes at York 11 days ago, Tamure beat Minds Music by a neck, with Sonic Boy 2½ lengths adrift in third. At the time the form looked unexceptional, but he had to overcome an inadequate trip and slow early pace that day, and did well to win having been switched around the field to get a run.

Judged on that performance, Sonic Boy looked to face a stiff task under top weight for the competitive Tote Credit Silver Bowl Handicap over a mile at Haydock on Saturday, but he turned the race into a procession, coming home six lengths clear. He will now take a jump in both class and trip when tackling the group two King Edward VII Stakes over 1½ miles at Royal Ascot.

Minds Music further underlined the York form when beaten a short head by Don Corleone in the feature race of the day at Doncaster, with Derby outsider Traikey a close third. The winner will meet Sonic Boy at Ascot, while Traikey's trainer, Jack Banks, said: "He may still go for the Derby — he just blew up in the last furlong. He was a bit short of work, having recovered from a lung infection and a high temperature, and will come on for the run."

On his penultimate start Tamure beat Sebastian — himself as short as 10-1 for the Derby after a subsequent Salisbury win — and given the likely presence of Frankie Dettori in the saddle on Derby Day, Tamure's current price of 20-1 with William Hill is unlikely to last long.

It is worth remembering that Commander In Chief also won the Glasgow Stakes narrowly before overturning his owner's hot favourite, Tenby, in the Derby two years ago.

Henry Cecil, the trainer of Minds Music, gained some compensation when Peace Envoy won the Crawley Warren Heron Stakes over a mile at Kempton.

A year rarely goes by without Cecil reaching the winner's enclosure at the royal meeting, and Peace Envoy has a choice of engagements: "It is just a question of whether he has enough speed for the Jersey Stakes [over seven furlongs] — if not he is also entered in the Queen Anne Stakes."

John Gosden was pleased with his L'Ami Louis, who showed commendable determination to beat Oberons Boy by a head in the New England Conditions Stakes. "That was a nice performance, conceding 4lb in what looked like a really solid event," Gosden said. The son of Easy Goer will now be aimed at Ascot's Chesham Stakes.

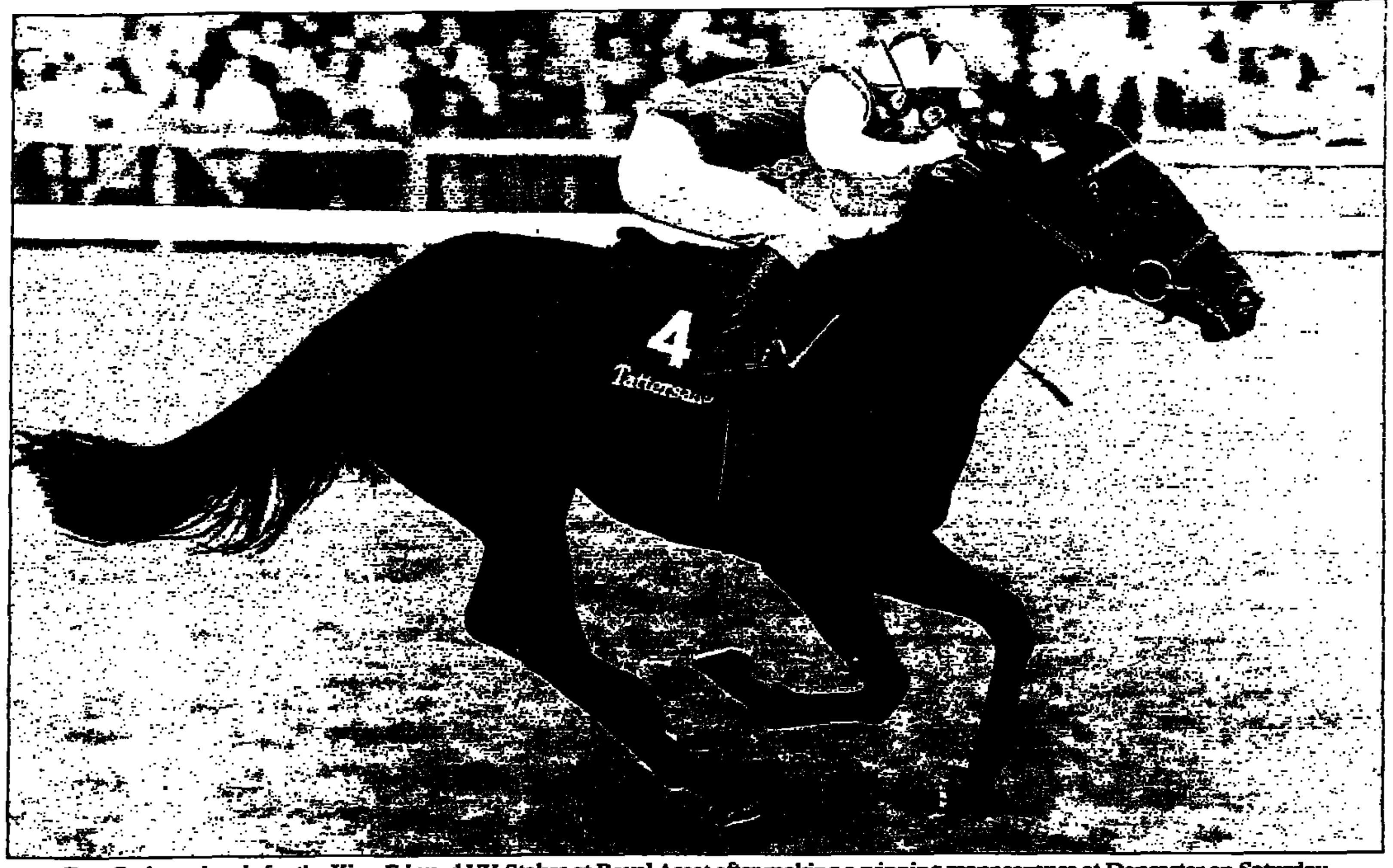
However, the training honours at the Sunbury track went to Reg Akehurst, who completed a handicap double with Latahaab and Bob's Ploy.

Latahaab, whom Akehurst bought from Criquette Head last December, won the Crawley Warren Handicap under a positive ride from Richard Quinn and is a possible for the Ascot Stakes at the royal meeting, but he has enviable strength in his staying handicappers.

Both Shadirwan and Smuggling have won impressively for Akehurst recently, and he will wait on the handicapper's verdict before confirming plans for Latahaab, saying: "He's won by 3½ lengths, so we'll have to see what the old enemy does to him."

With Bob's Ploy winning the Broking Handicap with contemptuous ease, Akehurst looks set for another rich harvest.

MARTIN LYNCH



Don Corleone heads for the King Edward VII Stakes at Royal Ascot after making a winning reappearance at Doncaster on Saturday

RICHARD EVANS

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2.35: Forest Cat put up a smart effort on her handicap debut at Newbury nine days ago, with Green Seed 2½ lengths back in fifth, but the latter was unlucky in running that day and may well reverse the form on 6lb better terms. However, **Comanche Companion** makes more appeal. She has been held up in her two runs this season, but is at her best when racing up with the pace and is undoubtedly well handicapped on the best of last year's form. Given a more positive ride, she is sure to go close.

3.05: Cayumanque, twice a winner from four starts in Dubai over the winter, represents the all-conquering Godolphin team but is not certain to stay and faces a stiff introduction to British racing. Cuff Link did well to win over 1¾ miles at Sandown on his reappearance at Kempton, and will appreciate today's extra quarter-mile, but he may have to give best to **Double Trigger**. Mark Johnston's colt was unsuited by the slow early pace and shorter trip when a staying-on fourth behind Moonax in the Yorkshire Cup and will take all the beating. There are stamina doubts over Linney Head, who may also be best with cut in the ground.

3.40: All of these met in the Palace House Stakes at Newmarket earlier this month, with **Mind Games** coming out on top. Jack Berry's sprinter has been beaten only once over the minimum distance — when short-headed by Raah Algarb in last year's Flying Childers — and he will again prove hard to beat. Owington finished closest of these at Newmarket, beaten 1½ lengths in third, and although now 2lb worse off is likely to finish closer today as he had little luck in running that day and may have just needed the race. It is difficult to make a case for the remainder.

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

4.10: Night Hero will be a popular choice after finishing fourth to Epagris in a listed race at Newmarket, but may have been flattered in a slowly run race. Desert Green returned to form with a vengeance at Kempton last time, beating Hunters Of Brora by three lengths, but has been raised a harsh 10lb by the handicapper. He will go well, but **Czarna** makes more appeal. Clive Brittain's colt made a promising reappearance when around two lengths fifth in the Spring Cup at Newbury, but has found seven furlongs too sharp on his last two runs. Back to his optimum trip and with Michael Roberts taking over in the saddle, he is sure to go close. Lap Of Luxury is fairly handicapped and loves fast ground, but usually needs her first run of the season.

ROBERT WRIGHT

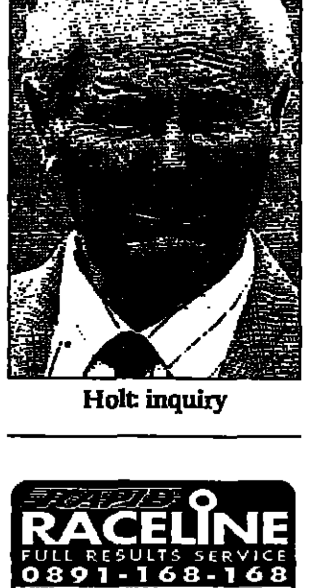
Stewards look at Sea-Deer's running

THE running and riding of Sea-Deer was the subject of a stewards' inquiry under the non-triers' rule after the Jack Holt-trained horse finished seventh in the Underwriting Handicap at Kempton on Saturday.

The Kempton stewards recorded the explanations which followed the six-year-old's performance in making steady progress to finish seventh in the six-furlong event. Sea-Deer finished about 3½ lengths behind the winner, Humbert's Landing, who was ridden by Richard Quinn.

Sea-Deer's jockey, Mark Perrett, told the stewards he had been instructed to settle the gelding in behind and come as late as possible with his run, adding that his mount was still a bit burly and may have needed the run. He said that Sea-Deer blew up at the furlong-marker and could not have finished any closer.

A representative from the Holt stable confirmed the instructions and said the horse was blowing hard after the race. The panel was unable to take evidence from the veterinary officer and ordered the explanations to be recorded.



Holt inquiry

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CHEPSTOW

THUNDERER

2.00 Thatcherella. 2.30 Whispering Dawn. 3.00 Pinzon. 3.30 Blaze Of Song. 4.00 Main Offender. 4.30 Exemption.

GOING: GOOD — SIS

DRAW: 6F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.00 ST BRIDES FILLIES HANDICAP
(£4,060: 6f 16yd) (9 runners)

1 4035 PRIMA SILK 52 (D,F) M Ryan 4-10-0 — D Biggs 9
2 14-2 MAYDAAN 20 (S) B Hanbury 3-9-11 — W Ryan 4
3 16-0 GREEN CITY 6 (D,F) R Hannon 3-9-11 — Mark Denaro (7) 5
4 0-13 THATCHERELLA 9 (D,F,G) D Chappell 4-9-10 — J Reid 2
5 4050 FRISKY MISS 10 (D,F,G,S) K Cunningham-Brown 4-9-8 — M Rimmer 8
6 -001 TINKER OSMASTON 7 (D,F) M Saunders 4-9-8 (7ex) — N Adams 3
7 50-3 PHARSICAL 11 (F,G) M Channon 4-9-1 — R Hughes 6
8 0-50 LOUISVILLE BELLE 16 (B) M Usher 6-8-1 — C Adamson (7) 1
9 000- ITHKURNI 201 P Hayward 6-7-7 — E Johnson 7

3-1 Thatcherella, 4-1 Maydaan, 9-2 Tinker Osmaston, 6-1 Pharsical, 7-1 Prima Silk, 8-1 Green City, 12-1 Frisky Miss, 16-1 others.

2.30 ST FAGANS SELLING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,437: 6f 16yd) (8)

1 00 DIGWANA 32 T Jones 8-11 — M Rimmer 6
2 RED TIME M Saunders 8-11 — A Dicks 7
3 515 SHANOORA 16 (G) B Palling 8-11 — T Sprake 4
4 6 CASHTAL LACE 21 S Knight 8-6 — S Sanders (3) 8
5 NATATARL M Pipe 8-6 — J Reid 5
6 PUBLIC ACCLAIM M Blanshard 8-6 — W Ryan 3
7 SPANISH LUCK J Hills 8-6 — M Henry (7) 2
8 40 WHISPERING DAWN 9 M Channon 8-6 — P P Murphy (5) 1

2-1 Whispering Dawn, 11-4 Shanoora, 7-2 Spanish Luck, 5-1 Natatarl, 8-1 Public Acclaim, 12-1 Red Time, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 11 winners from 31 runners, 35.5%; M Stoute, 4 from 15, 26.7%; H Candy, 8 from 38, 21.1%; P Walwyn, 4 from 22, 18.2%; P Chapple-Hyam, 5 from 30, 16.7%; W Hern, 3 from 18, 16.7%; Lord Huntingdon, 3 from 19, 15.8%.

JOCKEYS: W Ryan, 8 winners from 35 rides, 22.9%; Mark Denaro, 3 from 15, 20.0%; T Sprake, 10 from 62, 16.1%; J Reid, 12 from 84, 14.3%. Only qualifiers.

3.00 ST BRIAVELS MAIDEN STAKES
(£3,924: 1m 14yd) (12)

1 0 SHOODAH 28 P Hayward 4-9-10 — C Hodgson 11
2 JULIA'S FREEBEE T Jones 4-9-5 — M Rimmer 10
3 MUKALLAD W Hern 3-8-12 — T Sprake 8
4 323 PINZON 8 (BF) P Chapple-Hyam 3-8-12 — J Reid 5
5 00 RUMPELSTILTSKIN 25 M Meade 3-8-12 — V Slattery 6
6 ALDEVONIE H Cecil 3-8-7 — W Ryan 7
7 0 BOLD SALLY 18 Mrs S Williams 3-8-7 — S O'Gorman 2
8 0-0 CAFE GLACE 11 R Akehurst 3-8-7 — S Sanders (3) 1
9 0 LOVELY LYCA 38 J Hills 3-8-7 — M Henry (7) 9
10 MY GINA M Stoute 3-8-7 — K Bradshaw 12
11 00 PACIFIC OVERTURE 22 C Borwell 3-8-7 — R Hughes 3
12 00 RETURN TO BRIGHTON 25 P Clarke 3-8-7 — N Adams 4

2-1 Pinzon, 3-1 Aldevonie, 9-2 My Gina, 5-1 Mukallad, 7-1 Lovely Lyca, 10-1 Cafe Glace, 20-1 others.

3.30 ST JOHN LIMITED STAKES
(£3,742: 1m 14yd) (4)

1 4400 KNOBBLEENEEZE 16 (V,D,F,G,S) M Channon 5-9-8 — R Hughes 4
2 2511 BLAZE OF SONG 11 (D,G) R Hannon 3-9-0 — J Reid 2
3 2-50 DAFFAQ 58 P Walwyn 3-8-10 — W Ryan 3
4 -056 A MILLION TO ONE 9 (G) M Bell 3-8-5 — G Faulkner (7) 1

5-4 Blaze Of Song, 7-2 A Million To One, Daffaq, 6-1 Knobbleeneeze.

4.00 ST ARVANS MAIDEN STAKES
(£3,901: 1m 4f 23yd) (11)

1 0/6 SHREWD ALIBI 23 I Balding 4-9-12 — S O'Gorman 10
2 SILENT SOVEREIGN 443J (B) P Clarke 6-9-12 — N Adams 9
3 0/0- YAHMI 234J J Old 5-9-12 — C Hodgson (3) 5
4 /44- YOUNG CLIFFORD 60J F Jordan 4-9-12 — T Wall 7
5 RIVERBANK RED P Clarke 4-9-7 — Iona Wands (7) 3
6 00 BADDI QUEST 20 B Hanbury 3-8-8 — M Rimmer 8
7 6 INDICATOR 9 R Hannon 3-8-8 — R Hughes 11
8 4-53 MAIN OFFENDER 20 H Cecil 3-8-8 — W Ryan 6
9 SONG OF TARA P Chapple-Hyam 3-8-8 — J Reid 1
10 04 EN VACANCES 25 A Foster 3-8-3 — T Sprake 2
11 0 STEP ALOFT 28 Lord Huntingdon 3-8-3 — S Sanders (3) 4

7-4 Song Of Tara, 9-4 Main Offender, 6-1 Young Clifford, 7-1 Indicator, 12-1 Shrewd Alibi, Baddi Quest, 14-1 Step Aloft, 16-1 others.

4.30 ST ATHAN HANDICAP
(£3,787: 1m 4f 23yd) (7)

1 0145 BAYRAK 10 (D,G) M Ryan 5-9-10 — R Hughes 4
2 2-60 EXEMPTION 33 (BF,C,F) H Candy 4-9-6 — Georgina Frost 7
3 0-00 DESERT POWER 9 (C,F,G) M Meade 6-9-4 — V Slattery 2
4 6/ RIVER ISLAND 17J (S) J Old 7-9-1 — T Sprake 5
5 50-0 WILDFIRE 33 (CD,S) R Akehurst 4-8-12 — W Ryan 6
6 00-2 NIGHT TIME 32 (BF) R Hannon 3-8-7 — J Reid 1
7 3-06 RUBY VENTURE 21 S Woods 3-8-1 — S Sanders (3) 3

9-4 Bayrak, 3-1 Wildfire, 4-1 Night Time, 5-1 Exemption, 8-1 Ruby Venture, 10-1 River Island, 25-1 Desert Power.

□ Lord High Admiral has the Gosforth Park Cup at Newcastle on his agenda after winning at Haydock Park on Saturday.

DONCASTER

THUNDERER

2.15 Red Stream. 2.50 Christian Flight. 3.20 Eastern Prophets. 3.50 Khayrapour. 4.20 Juyush. 4.50 Hatta Breeze. 5.20 Ball Gown.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.20 JUYUSH.

GOING: GOOD — SIS

DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.15 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND VYNER MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,655: 5f) (6 runners)

1 33 CENTURION 33 (BF) R Hannon 9-0 — Pat Eddery 6
2 DISTINCTLY RED J Berry 9-0 — G Carter 1
3 2 EVENING CHIME 17 Mrs J Ramsden 9-0 — K Fallon 3
4 MIDNIGHT ESCAPE C Wall 9-0 — N Carlisle 4
5 HAYSONG J Leigh 8-9 — J Tate (3) 2
6 RED STREAM M Stoute 8-9 — R Hills 5

11-4 Red Stream, 3-1 Evening Chime, 7-2 Distinctly Red, 4-1 Centurion, 5-1 Midnight Escape, 10-1 Haysong.

2.50 SHADWELL STUD APPRENTICE SERIES HANDICAP
(£3,103: 5f) (9)

1 450- TAFFETA SILK 224 (D,F) W Jarvis 4-9-12 — A Garth 5
2 60-0 SUPER ROCKY 131 (D,F) R Bastiman 6-9-8 — H Bastiman 7
3 440- KABCAST 258 (B,D,F,G,S) D Chapman 10-9-5 — Darren Moffatt 8
4 0-30 HONEY TRADER 42 J Berry 3-9-5 — P Roberts 1
5 -454 STOLEN KISS 21 (B) M W Easterby 3-9-2 — G Parkin 2
6 000- MURRAY'S MAZDA 245 (F,G) J Eyre 6-8-10 — G MacDonald (5) 4
7 0013 CHRISTIAN FLIGHT 17 (F) S Gollings 6-8-8 — C Teague 6
8 0130 NADWATY 18 (D,G) M Chapman 3-8-7 — C Munday 3
9 300- CONEY HILLS 245 N Bycroft 4-7-10 — N Varley 9

3-1 Christian Flight, 9-2 Murray's Mazda, 5-1 Stolen Kiss, Nadwaty, 6-1 Super Rocky, 7-1 Honey Trader, 8-1 others.

3.20 OWLERTON STADIUM SHEFFIELD CONDITIONS STAKES
(2-Y-O: £4,841: 6f) (6)

1 511 EASTERN PROPHETS 7 (C,F) G Lewis 9-5 — Pat Eddery 1
2 16 SAFIO 12 (G) C Smith 9-3 — J Tate (3) 3
3 :30 KUSTOM KIT 28 (C,F) B McMahon 9-1 — K Fallon 6
4 1 MONTRESTAR 39 (F) P Evans 9-1 — R Hills 4
5 0 ETTERBY PARK 30 M Usher 8-11 — R Cochrane 5
6 1 SOUTH SALEM 30 (F) D Loder 8-11 — G Carter 2

5-2 South Salem, 11-4 Eastern Prophets, 3-1 Montrestar, 9-2 Safio, 8-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Gosden, 36 winners from 136 runners, 26.5%; H Cecil, 24 from 92, 26.1%; B Hills, 26 from 108, 24.1%; Mrs B Waring, 3 from 13, 23.1%; G Wragg, 10 from 47, 21.3%; H Thomson Jones, 7 from 37, 18.9%.

JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery, 38 winners from 185 rides, 20.5%; R Hills, 10 from 71, 14.1%; G Carter, 9 from 79, 11.4%; N Carlisle, 7 from 69, 10.1%; R Cochrane, 17 from 170, 10.0%. Only qualifiers.

3.50 ST LEGER CLUB SOCIETY DRAW HANDICAP
(£4,503: 1m rnd) (14)

1 310- PARLIAMENT PIECE 261 (D,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 9-9-10 — G Parkin (7) 9
2 -003 MIDNIGHT JAZZ 21 (CD,F,G) W O'Gorman 5-9-9 — Emma O'Gorman 12
3 3-00 KHAYRAPOUR 8 (F) B Meehan 5-9-5 — Pat Eddery 6
4 0822 JUST HARRY 53 (D,F,G) M Ryan 4-9-1 — R Cochrane 13
5 1-16 BETTERGETON 20 (D,F,G) P Bevan 3-9-0 — N Carlisle 3
6 4-00 HALMANERROR 34 (G,S) Mrs J Ramsden 5-8-12 — K Fallon 1
7 006- OOH AH CANTONA 248 (F) J Eyre 4-8-11 — R Lappin 4
8 040- PETONELLAJILL 275 (F) J O'Shea 5-8-8 — J Tate (3) 8
9 40-4 GYPSY LOVE 9 P Chapple-Hyam 3-8-7 — R Havlin (7) 7
10 0-00 MOVE SMARTLY 20 (D,F) F Lee 5-8-4 — G Carter 11
11 0040 AWESOME VENTURE 10 (S) M Chapman 5-8-2 — C Munday (7) 14
12 /00- BUSTER 270 (C,F,G) Mrs B Waring 7-7-12 — N Varley (5) 2
13 0-64 POYLE JEZEBELLE 11 M Blanshard 4-7-11 — G Bardwell 10
14 3614 SWEET MATE 18 (B,G) S Bowring 3-7-7 — Darren Moffatt (3) 5

5-1 Midnight Jazz, 6-1 Gypsy Love, Khayrapour, Just Harry, 7-1 Poyle Jezebelle, 8-1 Parliament Piece, Awesome Venture, 10-1 others.

4.20 GRESLEY STAKES CONDITIONS RACE
(£5,534: 1m str) (6)

1 /5-6 BARBAROJA 11 (B,D,B,S) J Fitzgerald 4-9-0 — K Fallon 4
2 0/0- MYTILENE 396 (F) J Gosden 4-9-0 — G Hind 3
3 3-15 JUYUSH 12 (CD,F) B Hills 3-8-12 — R Hills 2
4 0-1 FIRST ISLAND 6 (D,F) G Wragg 3-8-8 — R Cochrane 5
5 61 KRYSTALLOS 28 (D,G) R Hannon 3-8-8 — Pat Eddery 1
6 512- ZAMALEK 235 (BF,F) H Cecil 3-8-8 — A McGlone 6

11-4 Juyush, 7-2 Mytilene, 9-2 First Island, Zamalek, 5-1 Krystallos, 6-1 Barbaroja.

4.50 YORKSHIRE STAND MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O fillies: £4,070: 1m 2f 60yd) (8)

1 BELLA VITESSA J Hills 8-11 — R Cochrane 4
2 2-23 DAWLAH 12 (BF) H Thomson Jones 8-11 — R Hills 6
3 30- DEEP DIVIDE 282 E Dunlop 8-11 — J Tate (3) 1
4 35- DOROTHEA BROOKE 269 P Harris 8-11 — G Hind 7
5 0-3 HATTA BREEZE 21 M Jarvis 8-11 — Pat Eddery 2
6 6- JAMBIA 228 H Cecil 8-11 — A McGlone 8
7 6-0 PITTER PATTER 21 Mrs N Macauley 8-11 — A Culhane 5
8 22 TINASHAAN 26 J Fanshawe 8-11 — G Bardwell 3

3-1 Jambia, 7-2 Tinashaan, 4-1 Hatta Breeze, 5-1 Dawlah, Deep Divide, 8-1 Bella Vitessa, 10-1 others.

5.20 ARKSEY FILLIES HANDICAP
(£3,948: 1m 4f) (9)

1 50-2 BALL GOWN 14 (F,G,S) D Thom 5-9-13 — D R McCabe (3) 5
2 013- QUIVIRA 311 (BF,F) T Clement 4-9-0 — R Hills 7
3 00-0 TURQUOISE SEA 42 J Dunlop 3-8-10 — Pat Eddery 8
4 40-1 BLUE NILE 6 (F) A Stewart 3-8-9 (5ex) — M Humphries (5) 3
5 6000 IKIS GIRL 32 S Gollings 4-8-7 — K Fallon 9
6 2104 INCHKEITH 52 (G) G Wragg 3-8-1 — A McGlone 6
7 6-01 ON A PEDESTAL 31 (D,F,G) Mrs J Ramsden 3-7-10 — N Varley (5) 2
8 00-5 MASURI KABISA 21 H Collingridge 4-7-7 — S Lanigan (7) 4
9 -600 DOLLY DOLITTLE 28 H Collingridge 4-7-7 — G Carter 1

7-2 Blue Nile, 4-1 On A Pedestal, 9-2 Ball Gown, 6-1 Masuri Kabisa, 7-1 Quivira, Turquoise Sea, 8-1 Inchkeith, 10-1 others.

SANDOWN PARK

THUNDERER

2.00 Blue Duster
2.35 Green Seed
3.05 Double Trigger
3.40 Mind Games
4.10 Night Hero
4.45 Crimson Shower
5.15 UNCLE OSWALD (nap)

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.00 BLUE DUSTER (nap). 4.10 Night Hero.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — DRAW: 5F, LOW NUMBERS BEST — SIS

2.00 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES
(2-Y-O: £4,124: 5f 6yd) (9 runners)

101 (5) AGNELLA (B Pennock) G L Moore 8-11 — S Whitworth —
102 (9) BLUE DUSTER (Sheikh Mohammed) D Loder 8-11 — M J Kinane —
103 (8) DANCE SEQUENCE (Cheveley Park Stud) M Stoute 8-11 — W R Swinburn —
104 (3) INTISAB (H Al Maktoum) R Armstrong 8-11 — W Carson —
105 (1) 63 PETITE ANNIE 17 (J Rainey & Co Ltd) T Mills 8-11 — J Carroll ●
106 (2) STOP PLAY (Mark Tompkins Racing) M Tompkins 8-11 — P Robinson —
107 (6) UONI (The Dayspring Company Ltd) C Brittain 8-11 — M Roberts —
108 (7) WINDI IMP (R Bernard) B Meehan 8-11 — J Weaver —
109 (4) WOLLSTONECRAFT (Ms R Hood) J Gosden 8-11 — L Dettori —

BETTING: 5-2 Wollstonecraft, 11-4 Dance Sequence, 3-1 Blue Duster, 5-1 Intisab, 10-1 Uoni, 16-1 Stop Play, Petite Annie, 20-1 others.

1994: BRING ON THE CHOIR 9-11 Pat Eddery (3-1) R Boss 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

BLUE DUSTER (Mar 3). Full-sister by Danzig to smart colt Zieten, Group 1 Middle Park Stakes winner at two and Group II winner over 7f at four; dam smart 5f-7f performer in France at two and three years. DANCE SEQUENCE (Mar 14; Cost $375,000). Full-sister by Mr Prospector to juvenile winner in North America; dam very useful filly, won twice over 6f and placed in the Group 1 Cheveley Park Stakes. INTISAB (Apr 30). Full-sister by Green Desert to Gabr, smart performer over 7f/1m at three and four years. PETITE ANNIE 1½l 3rd of 9 to To The Whire in maiden at Lingfield (5f, good to firm). UONI (Mar 22). First known foal, by Minster Son; dam modest 1m winner at five years. WINDI IMP (Mar 17; 9,000gns). Half-sister by Mac's Imp to Faydini, dual 6f winner at three and later successful over hurdles, and to Miss Whittingham, winner of 5 races at three years; dam [illegible]. WOLLSTONECRAFT (May 4). Third foal, by Danehill; dam 1m 6f winner at four years in only season to race.
No selection

2.35 BONUSPOST FILLIES HANDICAP — C4
(£10,358: 7f 16yd) (9 runners)

201 (9) 0164-00 NEITHER NOR 26 (CD,F,G,S) (T Riley-Smith) D Wilson 6-10-0 — T Ives 95
202 (1) 122-0 ILTIMAS 41 (G) (H Al Maktoum) P Walwyn 3-9-7 — M Hills 97
203 (2) 41-1 FOREST CAT 9 (D,F,S) (G Ward) Mrs J Cecil 3-9-5 — L Dettori 95
204 (4) 22311-0 KARAYIB 44 (V,D,G) (H Al Maktoum) J Dunlop 3-9-5 — W Carson 91
205 (7) 1603-0 DOCTOR'S GLORY 230 (F) (Cheveley Park Stud) R Hannon 3-9-4 — J Weaver 98
206 (3) 15330-4 FFYNONE 22 (G) (Mrs W Gibson Fleming) R Hannon 3-9-4 — M J Kinane 89
207 (6) 031-0 ZILAYAH 24 (D,G) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 3-8-13 — P Robinson 90
208 (8) 13-5 GREEN SEED 9 (F) (Mana Al Maktoum) J Fanshawe 3-8-13 — W R Swinburn 94
209 (5) 6440-00 COMANCHE COMPANION 25 (C,F,G,S) T Naughton 5-8-9 — J D Smith (5) ●

BETTING: 3-1 Forest Cat, 4-1 Zilayah, 5-1 Ffynone, Green Seed, 6-1 Karayib, 7-1 Iltimas, 8-1 Doctor's Glory, 10-1 others.

1994: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

NEITHER NOR 7½l 13th of 25 to Jawaal in handicap at Ascot (7f, good to firm). ILTIMAS 12l 8th of 11 to Iblis in handicap at Newmarket (7f, good to firm). FOREST CAT completed double beat Hagwah 1¼l in handicap at Newbury (7f 64yd, good to firm) with GREEN SEED (6lb better off) around 1¼l 5th. KARAYIB 13l 11th of 13 to Subya in listed race at Kempton (1m, good to firm). DOCTOR'S GLORY 2l 3rd of 7 to Sylvanda in conditions race at Chepstow (6f, good) October 1994. FFYNONE 9¼l 4th of 10 to Bold Effort in handicap at Salisbury (6f, good to firm). ZILAYAH 10l 8th of 9 to Royal Rebuke in handicap at Newmarket (7f, good). Previously beat Pilcroy 2½l in maiden at Leicester (7f, good) October 1994. COMANCHE COMPANION 8¼l 7th of 16 to Comeonup in handicap at Hamilton (1m 65yd, good).
Selection: GREEN SEED

3.05 BONUSPRINT HENRY II STAKES — C4
(Group III: £25,500: 2m 78yd) (7 runners)

301 (7) 311-105 FURTHER FLIGHT 11 (D,F,G,S) (S Wingfield Digby) B Hills 9-9-1 — M Hills 92
302 (5) 5310-14 DOUBLE TRIGGER 11 (D,F,G,S) (R Huggins) M Johnston 4-8-13 — J Weaver 98
303 (1) 110-543 LINNEY HEAD 9 (C,G,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 4-8-13 — L Dettori ●
304 (6) 3212-12 CAYUMANQUE 95 (G) (Godolphin) Saeed bin Suroor 6-8-12 — W R Swinburn —
305 (3) 10254-1 CUFF LINK 21 (F) (Lord Weinstock & S Weinstock) W Hern 5-8-12 — Paul Eddery 96
306 (4) 124 OLD ROUVEL 26 (G) (Mrs R Cowell) D Murray Smith 4-8-10 — M J Kinane 89
307 (2) 2210-53 THE FLYING PHANTOM 19 (F,S) M Tompkins 4-8-10 — P Robinson 85

BETTING: 5-2 Double Trigger, 7-2 Linney Head, 4-1 Cuff Link, 9-2 Further Flight, 5-1 Cayumanque, 12-1 The Flying Phantom, 14-1 Old Rouvel.

1994: MY PATRIARCH 4-8-10 Pat Eddery (15-8 fav) J Dunlop 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

FURTHER FLIGHT beat OLD ROUVEL (9lb worse off) a neck in 7-runner conditions race at Haydock (2m, good) in April. DOUBLE TRIGGER around 1¾l 4th of 7 to Moonax in the group II Yorkshire Cup at York (1m 6f, good) with FURTHER FLIGHT (2lb worse off) 3¾l 5th. Earlier beat Poltarf a head in 9-runner group III Insulpak Sagaro Stakes at Ascot (2m 45yd, good to firm) with OLD ROUVEL 4½l 4th and FURTHER FLIGHT (2lb worse off) 17l 8th. LINNEY HEAD 1l 3rd of 6 to Escarpment in listed race at Newbury (1m 5f 61yd, good to firm). CAYUMANQUE 10l 2nd of 5 to Dover Straits in conditions race at Nad Al Sheba (1m 4f, good). CUFF LINK beat Misbelief 1½l in 7-runner conditions race at Kempton (1m 6f, good to firm). THE FLYING PHANTOM 5½l 3rd of 18 to Top Cees in handicap at Chester (2m 2f 117yd, good to firm).
Selection: CUFF LINK (nap)

3.40 TRIPLEPRINT TEMPLE STAKES — C4
(Group II: £38,075: 5f 6yd) (5 runners)

401 (3) 11153-3 OWINGTON 23 (BF,F,G) (Baron G von Ullmann) G Wragg 4-9-10 — Paul Eddery 95
402 (4) 504-115 EL YASAF 23 (D,F,G,S) (Old School House Racing Ltd) G Fierro 7-9-3 — L Dettori 91
403 (5) 4153-06 RAAH ALGHARB 11 (D,F,G) M Stoute 3-8-12 — W R Swinburn 88
404 (2) 5020-11 MIND GAMES 23 (D,F,G) (R Hughes) J Berry 3-8-8 — J Carroll ●
405 (1) 1631-34 MILLSTREAM 23 (D,F,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) M Johnston 3-8-5 — M J Kinane 93

BETTING: 5-4 Mind Games, 2-1 Owington, 4-1 Millstream, 7-1 Raah Algharb, 14-1 El Yasaf

1994: LOCHSONG 6-9-7 L Dettori (4-9 fav) I Balding 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

OWINGTON best effort last term beat Dolphin Street a head in Group 1 July Cup at Newmarket (6f, good). EL YASAF completed double beat Mistertopogigo a head in 6-runner conditions race at Thirsk (5f, good to firm) on penultimate start. RAAH ALGHARB 14¼l 8th of 7 to Lake Coniston in the group III Duke of York Stakes at York (6f, good). MIND GAMES completed double beat Eveningperformance 1l in 14-runner group III Palace House Stakes at Newmarket (5f, good to firm) with OWINGTON (2lb worse off) ½l 3rd, MILLSTREAM a neck 4th, EL YASAF (3lb worse off) 1¾l 5th and RAAH ALGHARB (1lb worse off) 1½l 8th. Earlier beat Wavian 2½l in listed race at Haydock (5f, good) with MILLSTREAM (2lb worse off) a neck 3rd. MILLSTREAM best effort last term beat Overbrook 4l in 7-runner group III Cornwallis Stakes at Ascot (5f, good to firm) with RAAH ALGHARB (1lb better off) a head 3rd
Selection: MIND GAMES

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 . B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating

4.10 BONUSFILM WHITSUN CUP RATED HANDICAP — C4
(£14,999: 1m 14yd) (8 runners)

501 (6) 01000-5 EN ATTENDANT 21 (D,F,G) (Mrs B Newton) B Hanbury 7-9-7 — T Ives 9[illegible]
502 (2) 151532- LAP OF LUXURY 212 (CD,F,G) (I Hill-Wood) W Jarvis 6-9-6 — B Thomson 9[illegible]
503 (4) 4011-05 DANCE TURN 12 (CD,F,G) (G Ward) R Armstrong 4-9-3 — M Hills 9[illegible]
504 (2) 14210-0 WAIKIKI BEACH 40 (D,F,G) (K Higson) G L Moore 4-9-1 — B Rouse 9[illegible]
505 (7) 2440-01 DESERT GREEN 21 (D,F) (Mana Al Maktoum) R Hannon 6-8-13 — R Perham ●
506 (1) 140-504 CZARNA 10 (S) (Cheveley Investments Ltd) C Brittain 4-8-7 — M Roberts 9[illegible]
507 (8) 34/1020- THABIT 352 (S) (H Al Maktoum) P Walwyn 4-8-7 — W Carson 9[illegible]
508 (5) 12-4 NIGHT HERO 10 (F) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 3-8-4 — L Dettori 9[illegible]

BETTING: 3-1 Desert Green, Night Hero, 5-1 En Attendant, Lap Of Luxury, 7-1 Dance Turn, Czarna, 8-1 others.

1994: DAWNING STREET 6-9-7 Pat Eddery (15-2) J Dunlop 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

EN ATTENDANT 3½l 5th of 9 to Moccasin Run in listed handicap at Haydock (7f, good to firm). LAP OF LUXURY ½l 2nd of 5 to Nijo in listed race at Newmarket (1m, soft). DANCE TURN around 5¼l 5th of 10 to Jawaal in listed handicap at York (1m, good). DESERT GREEN beat Hunters Of Brora 3l in 11-runner handicap at Kempton (1m, good to firm). Earlier 7l 10th of 21 to Governor George in handicap at Newmarket (7f, good to firm) with WAIKIKI BEACH (9lb better off) 12l 19th. CZARNA 3¾l 4th of 12 to Mady Sharp in handicap at Newmarket (7f, good). NIGHT HERO 5¼l 4th of 7 to Epagris in listed race at Newmarket (7f, good). THABIT 5l 2nd of 6 to Sawtajan in conditions race at Thirsk (1m, firm) on penultimate start last term.
Selection: CZARNA

4.45 FAMILY DAY OUT HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £4,416: 7f 16yd) (16 runners)

601 (3) 2-120 LYFORD LAW 20 (D,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-7 — L Dettori [illegible]
602 (1) 042-3 HAWA AL NASAMAAT 42 (Maktoum Al Maktoum) E Dunlop 9-2 — W R Swinburn [illegible]
603 (6) 5520-41 ALMUHTARAM 122 (G) (A Al-Midani) Miss G Kelleway 8-13 — M Wigham [illegible]
604 (13) 100-060 DELIGHT OF DAWN 9 (D,F,G) (K Ivory) K Ivory 8-13 — J Weaver [illegible]
605 (4) 042-8 SHINING EXAMPLE 30 (D Aber) P Makin 8-10 — M Hills [illegible]
606 (9) 04452-1 APOLLONO 9 (J Ruggles & Mrs A Ruggles) R Akehurst 8-8 — B Thomson [illegible]
607 (15) 0303-60 SINGING ROCK 14 (F) (G Shropshire) R Hannon 8-8 — M J Kinane [illegible]
608 (5) 01-0 MOODY 9 (S) (A Al-Radi) Miss G Kelleway 8-8 — P Robinson [illegible]
609 (14) 000-0 EAST SHEEN 17 (D Turner) C Benstead 8-6 — B Rouse [illegible]
610 (2) 656-001 SCHARNHORST 25 (D,F) (Mackenzie Print) S Dow 8-4 — M Roberts [illegible]
611 (16) 006 AUTUMN COVER 16 (G Alexander) R Flower 8-0 — D Biggs 92
612 (5) 0-063 PEGGY SPENCER 39 (G Reed) C Thornton 8-0 — R Street 85
613 (7) 100-032 SAPPHIRE SON 11 (V,D,G) (D Cobb) C Williams 8-0 — Paul Eddery ●
614 (10) 4041-50 TARA COLLEEN 9 (D,G) (Friary Bloodstock Company Ltd) C Horgan 7-8 — [illegible] 91
615 (11) 03-43 CRIMSON SHOWER 33 (BF) (Mrs D Russell) J Fanshawe 7-8 — W Carson 92
616 (12) 0000-00 AMBOYNA BURL 2 (G Sternberg) D Wilson 7-7 — N Gwilliams 80

Long handicap: Amboyna Burl 7-5

BETTING: 7-2 Apollono, 5-1 Scharnhorst, 7-1 Hawa Al Nasamaat, 8-1 Lyford Law, 10-1 others.

1994: WHITE SHOOT 9-2 M J Kinane (6-1) D Chappell 16 ran

FORM FOCUS

LYFORD LAW 1¼l 2nd of 8 to Clifton Fox in handicap at Beverley (1m 100yd, good to firm). HAWA AL NASAMAAT 6l 3rd of 8 to Shahid in handicap at Newcastle (7f, good to firm). ALMUHTARAM beat Wisdom neck in 6-runner maiden-auction at Wolverhampton (AW, 1m 100yd). SHINING EXAMPLE 10l 10th of 18 to Hardy Dancer in handicap at Leicester (1m, good to firm). APOLLONO (later placed 3rd) beat Dancing Heart head in 16-runner handicap at Lingfield (7f, good to firm). MOODY 3½l 7th of 15 to Forest Cat in handicap at Newbury (7f 64yd, good to firm) with TARA COLLEEN (5lb better off) 14½l 14th. SCHARNHORST beat Greatest ¾l in 20-runner apprentices' handicap at Salisbury (7f, good to firm). PEGGY SPENCER 4½l 3rd of 9 to Cheyenne Spirit in handicap at Newmarket (6f, good to firm). SAPPHIRE SON short-head 2nd of 20 to Alrayyih in claimer at Salisbury (7f, good). CRIMSON SHOWER 2¾l 3rd of 13 to We're Joken in apprentices' rated stakes at Catterick (6f, good).
Selection: APOLLONO

5.15 BANK HOLIDAY HANDICAP (£4,280: 1m 2f 7yd) (12 runners)

1 (1) 410010- FIELDRIDGE 12J (D,F,G) (Mrs W Tulloch) C Brooks 6-10-0 — M Hills 91
2 (6) 50-0556 UNCLE OSWALD 8 (F) (Nimrod Company) R Hannon 4-9-12 — M J Kinane ●
3 (5) 002-640 TONDRES 32J (B) (Lawrence Pic) R Ingram 4-9-7 — M Roberts 92
4 (10) 0/066 CAERLE LAD 10 (K Buchanan) G Harwood 4-9-4 — W Carson 88
5 (8) 06404-0 ABSOLUTELY FAYRE 17 (F) (Bloodstock Brothers) R Akehurst 4-9-4 — B Thomson 93
6 (3) 60400-0 KOATHARY 10 (E Gadsden) L Cottrell 4-9-1 — L Dettori 91
7 (7) 0/4220- QUEST AGAIN 223 (Miss P Decker) D Arbuthnot 4-9-1 — S Whitworth 95
8 (2) 00/436 SAMSONESQUE 19 (V,BF) (D Russell) J Fanshawe 4-9-0 — J Carroll 97
9 (11) 0/55 TADELLAL 16 (R Whitaker) M Dixon 4-8-12 — T Ives 94
10 (9) 014104 CAMDEN'S RANSOM 14 (CD,F,G) (E Cobelli) H Rowsell 8-8-10 — J Weaver 90
11 (12) 6-00163 BOOKCASE 10 (D,F,G,S) (Adept Ltd) D Elsworth 8-8-9 — W R Swinburn 97
12 (4) 03-4502 DUTOSKY 9 (D,F,G,S) (D Johnson) R O'Sullivan 5-8-2 — D Biggs 98

BETTING: 7-2 Bookcase, 4-1 Fieldridge, 9-2 Dutosky, 6-1 Uncle Oswald, 8-1 Absolutely Fayre, Samsonesque, Quest Again, 10-1 others.

1994: SPECIAL DAWN 4-9-12 Pat Eddery (7-2 fav) J Dunlop 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

FIELDRIDGE, recent runner over hurdles, beat Gilderdale in 6-runner handicap at Bath (1m 3f 144yd, good to firm) on penultimate Flat start, August 1994. UNCLE OSWALD 5l 6th of 25 to Zaiko in handicap at Newbury (1m, good to firm). ABSOLUTELY FAYRE 5l 7th of 10 to Greenwich Again in rated stakes at Lingfield (7f 140yd, good to firm). QUEST AGAIN 6l 2nd of 17 to Touring in maiden at Bath (1m 2f, good) on penultimate start. SAMSONESQUE about 3¼l 8th of 11 to Keep Battling in handicap at Ayr (1m 3f, good to firm). TADELLAL 10¼l 5th of 11 to Faldh in maiden at Lingfield (7f, good to firm). CAMDEN'S RANSOM 6¼l 4th of 14 to Ar Bean in handicap at Southwell (AW, 1m 3f). BOOKCASE 3¼l 3rd of 16 to Smart Generation in handicap at Newbury (1m 2f, good), with CAERLE LAD (3lb better off) about 5½l 6th and KOATHARY (6lb better off) 9¼l 13th. DUTOSKY 2½l 2nd of 16 to Plinth in handicap at Lingfield (1m 2f, good to firm).
Selection: BOOKCASE

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
D Loder	5	15	33.3	L Dettori	27	164	16.5
J Gosden	19	86	22.1	J Weaver	5	35	14.3
J Fanshawe	11	54	20.4	M J Kinane	4	28	14.3
T Naughton	3	15	20.0	W R Swinburn	20	143	14.0
J Berry	8	47	17.0	M Hills	11	90	12.2
J Dunlop	15	92	16.3	D Biggs	5	44	11.4

King's Theatre third in US

KING'S THEATRE, last year's King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes winner, finished third on his American debut on Saturday. The colt, who left Henry Cecil in the winter, was beaten just over three lengths by Correntino over an extended mile at Belmont Park in New York.

British runners acquit themselves well in European competition

Pelder edged out at Longchamp

By Our Racing Staff

PELDER failed by only a short head to deliver his second group one success of the season in the nine-furlong Prix D'Ispahan at Longchamp yesterday. In a driving finish, the Criquette Head-trained Green Tune, the 8-5 favourite, snatched the near-£60,000 first prize to deny Pelder's trainer, Paul Kelleway, another notable triumph.

After seeing the verdict go against Pelder, Anthony Kelleway, representing his father, rued the fact that the rain had blown away too soon to turn the ground soft. "It might just have slowed Green Tune down enough for us to win," he said.

Pat Eddery also felt that events had conspired against Pelder, offering the view that their outside draw, as opposed to Green Tune's inside berth along the rails, had made the difference between victory and defeat.

Green Tune will miss the mid-season programme in Europe to be rested for a return to a mile in the Prix Jacques le Marois at Deauville in August. Pelder, however, has more immediate targets and will step up to 1½ miles for either the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes at Ascot or the Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud. Both races are in July.

Frankie Dettori, who had won on Pelder in last month's Prix Ganay, was claimed for John Gosden's Del Deya but, after starting slowly, the combination finished a remote last of nine. The Godolphin-owned Flagbird, the other British runner, finished sixth.

Luso, trained by Clive Brittain and ridden by Michael Kinane, headed a British clean sweep of the first four places in the £234,439 Derby Italiano at the Capannelle, Rome, yesterday. The son of Salse, adding to his victory in the Dalham Hall Chester Vase earlier this month, won by 1½ lengths from Court Of Honour with Precede third and Balliol Boy fourth. The remaining two British challengers, Anchor Clever and Royal Scimitar, ninth and tenth respectively.

Brittain, who won the Derby Italiano with Hailsham in 1991 and took second with Luso's half-brother, Needle Gun, two years ago, said: "Luso is an improving type and when they continue to progress who can tell how far they will go? The Irish Derby may be his next target."

Peter Chapple-Hyam confirmed that Court Of Honour will not run in the Epsom Derby.

The British challenge was less prominent in the £17,730 Premio Alessandro Perrone over 5½ furlongs when Jack Berry's Mystique Smile, the mount of John Carroll, finished last of seven behind Pappa.

Alderbrook, the Champion Hurdle winner, delighted his trainer, Julie Cecil, with his threequarters of a length second to Freedom Cry, trained by André Fabre, in the Grosser Preis der Wirtschaft over 11 furlongs at Baden-Baden yesterday.

Given that it was only decided to run him for the £65,844 prize on Friday, Alderbrook excelled himself after something of a rushed preparation. Nor was his cause helped by carrying a group one penalty, and therefore 2lb more than he should have done, for winning the Champion Hurdle.

Mrs Cecil said: "It was our mistake but I don't think it made the difference between winning and losing." Alderbrook's programme will be governed by the going and he will run wherever the ground is soft.



Kelleway was narrowly denied victory at Longchamp

RESULTS FROM SATURDAY'S EIGHT MEETINGS

Haydock Park

Going: good to soft

2.00 (5f) 1, Lord High Admiral (M Roberts, 10-1); 2, Name The Tune (13-2 fav); 3, I'm Your Lady (16-1); 4, Canovas Heart (9-1). 17 ran. 2½l, sh hd. M Heaton-Ellis. Tote £10.30; £2.70, £2.00, £4.00, £2.10. DF: £22.50. Trio: £330.40. CSF: £68.59. Tricast: £938.85.

2.30 (6f) 1, Star Tulip (G Duffield, 8-1); 2, Lennox Lewis (7-1); 3, Zeb (15-2). Loveyoumillions 2-1 fav. 9 ran. 1¼l, 2½l. J Dunlop. Tote £11.60; £1.80, £2.50, £2.50. DF £40.00. Trio: £235.40. CSF: £59.76. Tricast: £404.22.

3.00 (1m 30yd) 1, Sonic Boy (J Quinn, 9-1); 2, Sue's Return (14-1); 3, Crumpton Hill (7-4 fav). 9 ran. 6l, 1¼l. R Johnson Houghton. Tote: £9.30; £2.00, £2.60, £1.40. DF: £55.00. Trio: £93.50. CSF: £106.45. Tricast: £290.90.

3.30 (5f) 1, Desert Tiger (M Roberts, 5-6 fav); 2, Marjorie Rose (8-1); 3, Amany (2-1). 4 ran. Hd, 1¾l. M Johnston. Tote: £1.70. DF: £3.70. CSF: £6.38.

4.00 (1m 2f 120yd) 1, Sanmartino (Paul Eddery, 4-5 fav); 2, Hadeyya Ramzeyah (6-1); 3, Incha (3-1). 7 ran. 1¾l. 5l. B Hills. Tote: £2.00; £1.40, £2.10. DF: £4.60. CSF: £6.51.

4.30 (7f 30yd) 1, Banadam (T Ives, 7-2); 2, Takhlid (7-2); 3, Empty Quarter (11-2). Gold Sand 2-1 fav. 8 ran. NR: Lady Nash. 2l, 9l. B Hanbury. Tote: £4.20; £1.30, £1.20, £2.60. DF: £3.90. Trio: £12.40. CSF: £14.65.

5.05 (1m 6f) 1, Moshaajir (G Duffield, 5-1); 2, Sunday News'n'echo (9-2); 3, Highbrook (100-30 fav). 8 ran. ¾l, 2½l. C Smith. Tote: £5.50; £1.80, £1.80, £1.90. DF: £12.90. CSF: £25.95. Tricast: £77.18.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £11,820.71 carried forward to Sandown Park today).

Placepot: £77.50. Quadpot: £4.40.

Doncaster

2.20 1, Glowing Jade (5-1 fav); 2, Sycamore Lodge (11-2); 3, Kilnamartyra Girl (12-1). 14 ran. NR: Al Wujud.

2.55 1, Mushahid (5-1); 2, Arajaan (9-4 jt-fav); 3, Galapino (9-2). Cancature 9-4 jt-fav. 6 ran.

3.25 1, Elland (100-30 fav; Richard Evans's nap); 2, Tawafij (10-1); 3, Castel Rosselo (8-1). 12 ran.

3.55 1, Trans Siberia (13-8 fav); 2, New Reputation (9-4); 3, Noufari (12-1). 6 ran.

4.25 1, Don Corleone (11-2); 2, Minds Music (8-11 fav); 3, Traikey (11-4). 8 ran.

4.55 1, Surprise Mission (9-2); 2, Premium Gift (15-8 fav); 3, Mousehole (7-1). 8 ran.

5.25 1, Chatham Island (13-2); 2, Swallows Dream (11-4 fav); 3, Blue Blazer (4-1). 7 ran.

Kempton Park

2.10 1, L'Ami Louis (5-2); 2, Oberons Boy (8-1); 3, Corporal Nym (7-4 fav). 5 ran.

2.40 1, Restructure (5-4 fav); 2, Proud Destiny (6-1); 3, Mokuti (3-1). 9 ran.

3.10 1, Latahaab (9-4 fav); 2, Lalindi (4-1); 3, Argyle Cavalier (9-2). 7 ran.

3.40 1, Bob's Ploy (9-4 fav); 2, Benfleet (11-2); 3, My Learned Friend (20-1). 9 ran.

4.10 1, Peace Envoy (2-1); 2, Ihtiram (8-11 fav); 3, Royal Philosopher (12-1). 5 ran.

4.40 1, Humbert's Landing (5-2 fav); 2, Actual Fact (5-1); 3, Mister Jolson (11-1). 10 ran.

Cartmel

2.00 1, Gallardini (4-1); 2, Run For Nick (33-1); 3, Hot Punch (7-2). Nagobelia 11-4 fav. 8 ran.

2.35 1, Golden Isle (4-1); 2, Rawaan (11-4 jt-fav); 3, Master's Crown (9-2). Days Of Thunder 11-4 jt-fav. 7 ran. NR: Mabthul.

3.10 1, T O O Mamma's (15-2); 2, Old Habits (3-1 fav); 3, Manettia (9-2). 10 ran.

3.45 1, Albert Blake (25-1); 2, The Major General (5-4 fav); 3, Three Potato Four (6-1). 14 ran. NR: Russian Lion.

4.20 1, Uron V (2-5 fav); 2, Go Silly (4-1); 3, Charter Fair (12-1). 4 ran.

4.55 1, Val De Rama (7-1); 2, Fox Sparrow (2-1); 3, Catch The Pigeon (14-1). Double Jeopardy 6-4 fav. 11 ran.

Hexham

2.15 1, Miss Enrico (7-4 fav); 2, Knowe Head (11-2); 3, Guiting Gray (9-1). 14 ran. NR: Prince Rossini.

2.45 1, Goldmire (6-1); 2, Topothenorthracing (5-2 fav); 3, Valsky (9-2). 8 ran.

3.15 1, Gortnamona (8-1); 2, Broughpark Azalea (10-1); 3, Auburn Boy (1-2 fav). 7 ran.

3.45 1, Down The Fell (7-4); 2, Native Mony (6-1); 3, Twin Falls (6-4 fav). 5 ran. NR: Faal Mario, Phileas Fogg.

4.15 1, Majic Rain (10-11 fav); 2, Choice Challange (6-1); 3, Little General (11-2). 7 ran.

4.45 1, Jefferby (4-1); 2, Finnow Quay (7-2); 3, Combellino (5-2). Knights 7-4 fav. 5 ran.

Lingfield Park

6.10 1, Dawsha (7-4 fav); 2, Rising Dough (4-1); 3, Farmer's Tern (3-1). 11 ran.

6.40 1, Bahamian Knight (1-3 fav); 2, Rabican (14-1); 3, Nigin Hills (15-2). 11 ran.

7.10 1, Hever Golf Lady (5-1 jt-fav); 2, Call Me Albi (8-1); 3, Teoroma (20-1). Deliffin 5-1 jt-fav. 14 ran.

7.40 1, Persian Conquest (Evens fav); 2, Dia Georgy (16-1); 3, Mega Tid (10-1). 7 ran.

8.10 1, Aragrove (5-2); 2, Moujeeb (13-8 fav); 3, Minam (15-2). 9 ran.

8.40 1, Grand Selection (3-1 fav); 2, Euro Singer (4-1); 3, Elpidos (4-1). 12 ran. NR: Nellyssa.

Warwick

6.20 1, Polly Peculiar (16-1); 2, Wentbridge Lad (9-2 fav); 3, Superoo (16-1); 4, Air Command (33-1). 22 ran. NR: Westcoast.

6.50 1, Myfontaine (6-1); 2, Haroldon (6-1); 3, Kaafih Homm (9-2 fav). 9 ran.

7.20 1, Gentle Irony (2-1); 2, What's The Verdict (11-4); 3, Margaret Modes (25-1). Crowned Glory 6-4 fav. 5 ran.

7.50 1, Brave Princess (4-1); 2, Bargash (50-1); 3, Dosses Dan (1-3 fav). 9 ran. NR: Mister Rm.

8.20 1, Arctic Romancer (11-8 fav); 2, Duralock Fencer (33-1); 3, Bath Knight (6-1). 6 ran. NR: Ben'a'vachei Boy, Mindrace.

8.50 1, Snow Dream (10-1); 2, Colendge (14-1); 3, Tamarpour (6-1). Premier Dance 11-2 fav. 15 ran.

Wolverhampton

7.00 1, Aljawab (Evens fav); 2, Komamaite (6-1); 3, Scale The Summit (8-1). 7 ran. NR: Miss Tri Colour, Nuthatch.

7.30 1, Gulf Shaadi (8-11 fav); 2, Hong Kong Dollar (12-1); 3, Legally Delicious (7-2). 9 ran.

8.00 1, Bonny Melody (12-1); 2, Chadwell Hall (5-2 fav); 3, Featherstone Lane (12-1). 10 ran. NR: Jessica's Secret.

8.30 1, Sommersby (4-1); 2, Rolling Waters (10-1); 3, Mr Bean (11-2). Kilick 5-2 fav. 11 ran.

9.00 1, Lila Pedigo (1-5 fav); 2, Magic Bird (7-2). 2 ran. NR: Euskara.

9.30 1, Souperficial (7-2 fav); 2, What A Nightmare (6-1); 3, Farmer Jock (12-1). 12 ran.

Crow steals march on three rivals

Point-to-point
by Brian Beel

THE 1995 men's title was probably decided in the first race of a disappointing Melton Hunt Club meeting on Saturday when Jim Tarry, on the odds-on favourite, Lucky Christopher, was outridden by Alastair Crow on the 4-1 chance, Scally Muire.

Crow stole a march on his three other rivals when he took up the running after the twelfth fence and kicked clear. The chasing Lucky Christopher could only get to within four lengths at the post.

A second win, to take his total to 30, and completely out of reach of Tarry, still on 25, looked almost certain for Crow in the conditional members. On Equity Player he was going well, three lengths in the lead at the second last when his mount crumpled on landing. Crow sat tight but by the time he had recovered, Rory Lawther had a commanding advantage on Causeway Cruiser and went on to win by 20 lengths.

Between these races Crow had been unseated at the ninth on Call Me Citizen in the family's race, in which only three took part.

Joe Docker, on Raise an Argument, went on to beat Okayeetee, ridden by Brian Crawford.

There were also three runners in both the men's and women's open races. Ben Pollock, on Brown Windsor, had little trouble landing the odds in the former, while Jill Dawson, on General Highway, won the ladies race for the eighth time in 12 years.

The novice championship attracted the largest field of the 12 starters and was won easily by Alan Hill on Sign.

At the Tredegar Farmers, Damien Duggan had only one ride, on the odds-on Royal Saxon, and was beaten by the in-form Richard Johnson on Coltrane.

Pip Jones had a double here in the members race on Linantic and Handsome Harvey in the ladies race and most spectators thought her unfortunate in the open maiden on Charles Quaker when the judge awarded the race to Benuad (Andrew Price) by a head.

DULVERTON EAST (Mounsey Hill Gate): Hunt: 1, Hopeful Drummer (N Harris, 2-5 fav); 2, Darktown Strutter. Only 2 finished. 3 ran. Ladies: 1, Fly The Wind (Miss L Blackford, 7-2); 2, Full Alirt; 3, Auction Law. 5 ran. Open: 1, Chilipour (G Maundrell, 1-8 fav); 2, Bidston Mill; 3, Colcombe Castle. 4 ran. Open Mdn: 1, Ewhonosebest (Miss S Young, 6-1); 2, Not Mistaken; 3, Legal Vision. 8 ran. Rest: 1, Betsi (I Widdicombe, 12-1); 2, Sullivans Choice; 3, Blue-Bird Express. 16 ran. Mdn: 1, Leetan (Miss S Vickery, 7-2); 2, Miss Pernickity; 3, Good Appeal. 9 ran. Confined: 1, Magnolia Man (N Harris, 9-4); 2, Henley Wood; 3, The Doormaker. 6 ran.

MELTON HUNT CLUB (Garthorpe): Hunt: 1, Scally Muire (A Crow, 4-1); 2, Lucky Christopher; 3, Granville Grill. 4 ran. Hunt Families: 1, Raise An Argument (J Docker, 2-1); 2, Okeetee. Only 2 finished. 3 ran. Ladies: 1, General Highway (Mrs J Dawson, 4-7 fav); 2, Larry The Lamb. Only 2 finished. 3 ran. Novice Championship: 1, Sign (A Hill, 5-4 fav); 2, Tresillian Bay; 3, Sylvan Tempest. 12 ran. Open: 1, Brown Windsor (B Pollock, 4-11 fav); 2, Arm In Arm. Only 2 finished. 3 ran. Conditional Hunt: 1, Causeway Cruiser (R Lawther, 7-4 fav); 2, Equity Player; 3, Ovac Star. 11 ran.

TREDEGAR FARMERS (Bassaleg): Hunt: 1, Linantic (Miss P Jones, 6-1); 2, Flexridge; 3, Construction King. 7 ran. Rest: 1, Proud Drifter (D S Jones, 4-6 fav); 2, Shirley Crepella; 3, Barrafona. 6 ran. Confined: 1, Fly Fred (S Lloyd, 3-1); 2, Sun Of Chance; 3, Lucky Ole Son. 7 ran. Ladies: 1, Handsome Harvey (Miss P Jones, 1-2 fav); 2, Listery Lad; 3, Mount Falcon. 10 ran. Open: 1, Coltrane (R Johnson, 4-1); 2, Royal Saxon; 3, Dewliner. 5 ran. Open Mdn: 1, Benuad (A Price, 7-4 jt-fav); 2, Charles Quaker; 3, Shared Fortune. 9 ran.

HEREFORD

THUNDERER
2.30 Great Marquess. 3.00 Najeb. 3.30 Derrymoss. 4.00 Secret Four. 4.35 Gold Diver. 5.05 Just One Canaletto.
Brian Beel: 4.35 Gold Diver.

GOING: GOOD SIS

2.30 MADLEY NOVICES HURDLE (£2,584: 2m 1f) (15 runners)
1 4504 GREAT MARQUESS 37 (C,S) N Twiston-Davies 6-12-1 C Llewellyn
2 0011 WINSPIT 20 (F) R Alner 5-12-1 Pat Thompson (7)
3 5812 TAAHHUB 12 (F) R Price 5-11-9 R Davis
4 00PP BIG TICKLE 10 G Ham 6-11-3 S Mackey
5 0-09 DANCING SUPREME 16 W Mann 5-11-3 Mr D Verco
6 50-F JOBINGO 13 G Price 7-11-3 Guy Lewis (5)
7 -604 LONG FURLONG 12 J Bosley 7-11-3 M Bosley
8 5460 MISSED THE BOAT 13 (B) N Ayliffe 5-11-3 S Fox
9 55 SMART TEACHER 12 K Burke 5-11-3 G Upton
10 050P WEST ORIENT 85P (G) D O'Neill 10-11-3 J R Kavanagh
11 63 EASY FOR ME 206 F Jordan 4-10-12 J Lodder
12 PBRP NORDROSS 15F (B) R Juckes 7-10-12 W Marston
13 ROO'S LEAP C Jackson 7-10-12 W Humphreys
14 F0P ST AKLO 193 B Wells 13-10-12 J Da Costa
15 60 CARNEGIE BLUE 69 D Carey 4-10-7 B Powell
Evens Great Marquess, 4-1 Winspit, 8-1 Taahhub, 12-1 others.

3.00 ORCOP SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,094: 3m 2f) (13)
1 P445 GORT 65P (CD,G,S) J Harriman 7-11-10 Miss E Jones (7)
2 2540 STAR OF OUGHTERARD 20 (B,F) Mrs L Murphy 10-11-3 Guy Lewis (5)
3 5120 DURHAM 59 (G) Miss A Knight 4-11-3 D Matthews (5)
4 0006 WOODLAND MINSTREL 20 (F,S) M Pipe 10-11-0 C Maude
5 4V24 TIGER CLAW 13 (B,F,G) A Barrow 9-10-6 C Llewellyn
6 52P/ INTO THE MYSTIC 1120P (F,G,S) S Coathup 13-10-4 Mark Brown (7)
7 0665 FAR TOO LOUD 20 (F,G,S) R Baker 8-10-3 B Powell
8 -066 SUEZ CANAL 31 (S) F Jordan 6-10-2 J Lodder
9 2402 NAJEB 12 P Eccles 6-10-0 J R Kavanagh
10 0435 DRAGONS LADY 21 B De Haan 6-10-0 R Greene
11 U50- SUNDAY JIM 38 R Webb 11-10-0 M Bosley
12 -600 HARD TO GET 9 (B,G) M Barraclough 8-10-0 Ann Stokell
13 0PP0 MEGAMUNCH 88 (B) R Juckes 7-10-0 W Marston
11-4 Najeb, 6-1 Star Of Oughterard, 8-1 Tiger Claw, Durham, 9-1 others.

3.30 CRASWELL NOVICES CHASE (£2,906: 3m 1f 110yd) (3)
1 1115 WINNIE LORRAINE 12 (CD,F,G,S) R Alner 10-11-11 P Carey (7)
2 0231 DERRYMOSS 21 (V,F,S) M Pipe 9-11-10 C Maude
3 1263 MONKSFORT 16 (D,F) N Henderson 9-11-10 J R Kavanagh
5-4 Winnie Lorraine, 7-4 Derrymoss, 2-1 Monksfort.

4.00 MICHAELCHURCH HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,723: 2m 3f 110yd) (6)
1 1241 SECRET FOUR 13 (F,G,S) N Twiston-Davies 9-11-10 Mr M Rimell (5)
2 225- SQUIRE YORK 368 (S) Mrs L Murphy 5-10-13 B Powell
3 0324 KING'S SHILLING 16 (BF,CD,F,G,S) H Oliver 8-10-13 R Davis
4 3024 GOLDINGO 9 (C,S) G Price 8-10-8 Guy Lewis (5)
5 2125 REVE EN ROSE 16 (BF,CD,F,G) M McMahon 9-10-0 J R Kavanagh
6 F000 LA RAPTOTTE 16 (F,G) A Bridgwater 8-10-0 J Lodder
5-4 Secret Four, 11-4 Goldingo, 9-2 King's Shilling, 8-1 others.

4.35 CLIVE MAIDEN HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £1,657: 3m 1f 110yd) (10)
1 -P1F A FARM BAR 24 (F) P Dando 5-12-5 P Williams (7)
2 D44P CARDAN 7 A Steeds 9-12-3 M Rimell (5)
3 3111 GOLD DIVER 16P (F,G) J Moore 8-12-3 Miss P Jones (5)
4 6/13 LOUIS FARRELL 19 (F) P Warner 10-12-3 S Blackwell (7)
5 UP42 MAYTOWN 9P R Vickar 9-12-3 L Squire (7)
6 FR15 PROFESSOR LONGHAIR 7 (F) Mrs C Hicks 8-12-3 R Hicks (7)
7 3U32 ST LAYCAR 11 (G,S) J Porter 10-12-3 A Greig (7)
8 PP22 MCMAHON'S RIVER 16P (S) Mrs N Sharpe 8-11-12 M Rimell (5)
9 225U NIC SU 8P (B,G) Mrs S Franconie 7-11-12 Miss J Lewis (7)
10 -132 THE LAST MISTRESS 12 (F) A Cook 8-11-12 S Shinton (7)
7-4 Gold Diver, 11-4 St Laycar, 10-1 Louis Farrell, 12-1 Professor Longhair, McMahon's River, The Last Mistress, 14-1 others.

5.05 CAREY NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,374: 2m 3f 110yd) (10)
1 0222 JUST ONE CANALETTO 12 (BF,S) N Twiston-Davies 7-11-10 C Llewellyn
2 3131 CHABLAFRIVOLA 4 (D,F) T Gosthead 7-11-4 (7ex) W Humphreys
3 3350 NATIONAL FLAG 17 (S) K Burke 5-11-1 G Upton
4 1421 RUSSIAN EMPIRE 9 (CD,F,G) N Walker 5-10-10 C Maude
5 -P3P ACE PLAYER 219 Mrs J Renfree-Barons 7-10-4 R Greene
6 0-45 BECKY BOO 10 Mrs L Murphy 5-10-0 W Marston
7 -P00 COUNTRY KIZZIE 9 N Tuck 6-10-0 G Lewis (5)
8 6000 PASSING PLAYER 13 (B) F Jordan 4-10-0 J Lodder
9 UP-P SONNY'S SONG 86 C Jackson 9-10-0 R Davis
10 0-PR SARAH'S WROATH 88 M Scudamore 10-10-0 J R Kavanagh
7-4 Just One Canaletto, 11-4 Russian Empire, 3-1 Chablafrivola, 7-1 National Flag, 14-1 Ace Player, Becky Boo, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: N Henderson, 15 winners from 31 runners, 48.4%; N Twiston-Davies, 18 from 62, 29.0%; M Pipe, 34 from 119, 28.6%; R Alner, 7 from 25, 28.0%; K Bridgwater, 7 from 45, 15.6%; M Scudamore, 3 from 20, 15.0%.

JOCKEYS: J R Kavanagh, 9 winners from 46 rides, 19.6%; Richard Davis, 10 from 52, 19.2%; M Foster, 5 from 27, 18.5%; C Llewellyn, 8 from 50, 16.0%; M Bosley, 6 from 41, 14.6%; D Matthews, 3 from 23, 13.0%.

UTTOXETER

THUNDERER
2.30 Robert's Toy. 3.00 Father Power. 3.30 Far Out. 4.00 Errant Knight. 4.30 Sparkling Sunset. 5.00 How's It Goin.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

2.30 ASHBOURNE NEWS TELEGRAPH NOVICES HURDLE (£2,239: 2m) (11 runners)
1 31 LANKRIDGE 23 (B,D,F) W Hem 5-11-7 R Farrant
2 0212 ASTRAL INVASION 9 (V,CD,F) W Clay 4-11-2 R Dunwoody
3 50? ROBERT'S TOY 9 (G) M Pipe 4-11-2 Diane Clay
4 00 CREDIT CONTROLLER 10 J Ffitch-Heyes 6-11-0 J Neaves (7)
5 P FALSE IMPRESSION 47 J Mackie 5-11-0 T Eley (3)
6 0006 GREY SEASON 17 W Clay 6-11-0 A S Smith
7 06-F KINGFISHER BLUES 12 J Smith 7-11-0 A Tory
8 444 BEE DEE BEST 21F J Smith 4-10-9 S Wynne
9 0 FUCHU 51 D Geraghty 5-10-9 T Jenks
10 MR DEVIOUS 9F (B) P Hobbs 4-10-9 Peter Hobbs
11 SEA DREAMS 625F J Smith 4-10-9 M A Fitzgerald
7-4 Robert's Toy, 9-4 Lankridge, 5-1 Astral Invasion, 6-1 Mr Devious, 10-1 Kingfisher Blues, 12-1 Bee Dee Best, 16-1 others.

3.00 STAFFORDSHIRE LIFE MAIDEN CHASE (£2,788: 2m 7f) (7)
1 F022 FATHER POWER 16 P Hobbs 7-11-2 Peter Hobbs
2 4U3P KETFORD BRIDGE 13 (B) R Dickin 8-11-2 D Meredith
3 4-22 PAMELA'S LAD 9 (G,S) M Lloyd 9-11-2 Mr G Hanmer
4 PP5 SCRATCH PLAYER 16 Mrs J Renfree-Barons 8-11-2 A Tory
5 PP11 SPARKLING BLAKE 29P (F,G) N Henderson 9-11-2 M A Fitzgerald
6 3204 EDELWEISS 44 (F) M Pipe 8-10-11 R Dunwoody
7 U5P6 FOXGROVE 13 (F,G) R Price 9-10-11 T Jenks
6-4 Sparkling Blake, 11-4 Edelweiss, 7-2 Father Power, 6-1 Pamela's Lad, 8-1 Ketford Bridge, 20-1 Scratch Player, Foxgrove.

3.30 UTTOXETER ADVERTISER SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,054: 2m 4f 110yd) (18)
1 -200 JOHNSTED 4 (D,F,G,S) W Clay 9-12-0 Mr B Leavy
2 6040 DAGAZ 10 (G) B Cambidge 9-11-9 Gary Lyons
3 P502 CELCIUS 13 (BF,D,F,G,S) M Pipe 11-11-5 R Dunwoody
4 6600 EASTERN PLEASURE 5 (B,CD,S) W Clay 8-11-3 Diane Clay
5 5212 RED JAM JAR 24 (BF,S) S Bell 10-10-13 K Johnson
6 4211 FAR OUT 12 (V,CD,F,S) O Brennan 9-10-12 M Brennan
7 /00 SCARLET EXPRESS 9 (G,S) M Britton 8-10-10 M A Fitzgerald
8 5006 EARLY TO RISE 5 (V) Miss L Siddall 5-10-7 Peter Hobbs
9 0040 ON THE SAUCE 5 (B,CD,F,G,S) B Shaw 8-10-5 M Foster
10 0002 SHIFT CHANGEOVER 31 (B) S Mellor 4-10-0 Chris Webb (7)
11 6P5U RIP THE CALICO 42 (F) K Wingrove 7-10-0 R Farrant
12 50P4 WESTERN FLEET 12 (B) J Peacock 4-10-0 R Bellamy
13 0-P5 WEDNESDAYS AUCTION 178 (V) P Rodford 7-10-0 S Burrough
14 4/U I'M SPECIAL 116 Mrs J Mayes 7-10-0 A Jones
15 002P CHILTERN HUNDREDS 143 Mrs J Mayes 5-10-0 T Jenks
16 0-06 SIMONE STAR 9 J Parkes 6-10-0 R McCarthy (7)
17 -U55 WRITTEN AGREEMENT 24 R Peacock 7-10-0 S McNeill
18 400- BRIGHT SAPPHIRE 395 (CD,F,G,S) D Burchell 9-10-0 T Eley (3)
7-2 Far Out, 9-2 Celcius, 6-1 Red Jam Jar, 7-1 Shift Changeover, 8-1 Johnsted, 10-1 Dagaz, 12-1 Eastern Pleasure, 14-1 others.

4.00 JOHN GERMAN BURTON MAIL HANDICAP CHASE (£3,469: 3m 2f) (5)
1 5UP1 ERRANT KNIGHT 10 (F,G,S) M Pipe 11-12-0 R Dunwoody
2 0213 CHANNELS GATE 16 (D,F,G,S) N Twiston-Davies 11-10-11 T Jenks
3 01FP STAUNCH RIVAL 30 (C,G,S) G Thorner 8-10-6 M A Fitzgerald
4 2433 DIAMOND FORT 12 (D,F,G,S) J McConnochie 10-10-7 S McNeill
5 P06P MY SKIWAY 149 (F,G,S) T Donnelly 12-10-0 T Eley (3)
6-4 Errant Knight, 2-1 Channels Gate, 5-2 Diamond Fort, 6-1 Staunch Rival, 33-1 My Skiway.

4.30 BURTON ADVERTISER NOVICES CHASE (£2,775: 2m 5f) (8)
1 FP44 COUNTERBALANCE 33 (S) J McConnochie 8-11-7 S McNeill
2 -441 SPARKLING SUNSET 16 (G,S) N Henderson 7-11-6 M A Fitzgerald
3 -5P3 LONGSHOREMAN 11 (B,CD,F,S) Mrs A Barclay 8-11-4 Mr S Joynes (7)
4 0223 BARNTOWN BILL 4 (V,BF,G,S) M Pipe 6-11-0 R Dunwoody
5 205P ERLEMO 5 (B,S) W Clay 6-11-0 R Farrant
6 5000 MARIOLINO 26 (F,G,S) P Rodford 8-11-0 S Burrough
7 RFU3 MATAWAI 33 F Jordan 8-11-0 A Tory
8 PP2F HENNERWOOD OAK 9 R Price 5-10-2 T Jenks
5-4 Sparkling Sunset, 4-1 Counterbalance, 9-2 Barntown Bill, 5-1 Longshoreman, 10-1 Matawai, 12-1 Erlemo, 14-1 others.

5.00 STAFFORDSHIRE NEWSLETTER HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,241: 2m) (7)
1 3154 NOCATCHIM 10 (B,D,F,G,S) J Ffitch-Heyes 6-12-0 J Neaves (7)
2 2165 NOBLELY 9 (CD,F,G) N Waller 8-11-11 R Dunwoody
3 1133 PINECONE PETER 16 (V,D,F,G,S) O Brennan 8-11-3 M Brennan
4 0117 HOW'S IT GOIN 16 (D,F,G) W Muir 4-11-1 S McNeill
5 1FP- LUSTREMAN 380 (D,F,G) J Peacock 8-11-1 R Bellamy
6 3-4P HAVE A NIGHTCAP 42 (D,G,S) N Littmoden 6-10-13 M A Fitzgerald
7 1420 KING ATHELSTAN 42 (BF,D,G,S) K Morgan 7-10-6 A S Smith
7-4 How's It Goin, 7-2 King Athelstan, 4-1 Pinecone Peter, 9-2 Noblely, 12-1 Lustreman, Have A Nightcap, Nocatchim.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 48 winners from 152 runners, 31.6%; N Henderson, 7 from 27, 25.9%; K Morgan, 3 from 12, 25.0%; O Brennan, 5 from 26, 19.2%; G Thorner, 3 from 16, 18.8%; N Twiston-Davies, 15 from 81, 18.5%.

JOCKEYS: R Dunwoody, 38 winners from 169 rides, 22.5%; M Brennan, 5 from 23, 21.7%; S McNeill, 9 from 43, 20.9%; A S Smith, 3 from 17, 17.6%; M A Fitzgerald, 9 from 61, 14.8%; Peter Hobbs, 3 from 24, 12.5%.

THUNDERER
2.00 Chicago's Best. 2.30 Country Picture. 3.05 I Have Him. 3.45 Northern Village. 4.15 Merry Panto. 4.45 Pair Of Jacks.

GOING: FIRM SIS

2.00 EAST MIDLANDS ELECTRICITY CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,966: 2m 110yd) (12 runners)
1 -302 COLWAY PRINCE 21 (D,F,G,S) A Jones 7-11-10 S Curran
2 0/31 CHICAGO'S BEST 4 (B,D,F,G) K Wingrove 8-11-5 (7ex) G Tormey
3 2304 DOCTOR-J 23 (CD,F) J White 5-11-2 P McLoughlin
4 000V MAN OF STRAW 700F J Davies 9-11-0 R Burns (5)
5 6150 WATER DIVINER 9 (CD,F,G) K Wingrove 5-10-13 R Massey
6 6-P5 AVIATOR'S DREAM 40 J Pearce 5-10-10 A Procter
7 -P62 ARCTIC BLOOM 42 G Kelly 9-10-7 M Harris (5)
8 0-60 ITS ALL OVER NOW 4 (B,CD,F) Mrs A King 11-10-6 G Hogan
9 -P40 DIAMOND INTHE DARK 4 (B) J Norton 7-10-5 G Lee
10 060P BRECKENBROUGH LAD 21 (D,G) D Turner 8-10-5 F Leahy
11 P030 CHUKATEN 28 (B) J Mackie 5-10-3 D Webb (7)
12 F00P INCHYDONEY BOY 12 J Poulton 6-10-0 G Crone (3)
3-1 Chicago's Best, 7-2 Colway Prince, 6-1 Man Of Straw, 7-1 Doctor-J, 8-1 Water Diviner, Arctic Bloom, Diamond Inthe Dark, 14-1 others.

2.30 WILLMOTT DIXON NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,499: 3m) (8)
1 1114 DONNA DEL LAGO 3 (B,F) Mrs M McCourt 9-12-0 G McCourt
2 2-11 COUNTRY PICTURE 11 (F) N T-Davies 12-11-10 D Gallagher
3 3531 EASBY MANDRINA 12 (C,F,G,S) S Kettlewell 8-10-10 P McLoughlin (3)
4 P05P DANRIBO 8 (F,G) John Whyte 12-10-3 G Hogan (3)
5 53PP REEF LARK 129 (F,S) S Campion 10-10-3 F Leahy (3)
6 4P0P MR GEE 18 F Coton 10-10-0 D Byrne
7 P-PP MUTUAL BENEFIT 257 (G) F Murphy 8-10-0 Sophie Mitchell (5)
8 0P34 EMALLEN 21 Mrs L Jewell 7-10-0 D Leahy (3)
6-4 Country Picture, 2-1 Donna Del Lago, 4-1 Easby Mandrina, 7-1 Emallen, 16-1 Mutual Benefit, Mr Gee, 20-1 others.

3.05 EAST MIDLANDS ELECTRICITY HANDICAP CHASE (£2,929: 2m 110yd) (7)
1 11F2 I HAVE HIM 14 (BF,D,F,G) A Jones 8-11-10 G McCourt
2 15P1 COUNT BARACHOIS 12 (CD,F,S) Mrs E Heath 7-11-8 Mr S Cowell
3 -P11 FINE HARVEST 24 (CD,F) J Spearing 9-11-3 D Gallagher
4 14P1 SLIPPERY MAX 42 (CD,F,S) R Juckes 11-11-2 J F Titley
5 5P-F ORCHIPEDZO 154 (D,F) R Dickin 10-10-5 D Leahy (3)
6 4334 ALDINGTON BELL 9 (B,D,F) C Tinkler 12-10-1 L Harvey
7 F335 HIGHLAND FLAME 12 (G) A Blackmore 6-10-0 G Hogan (5)
7-4 I Have Him, 2-1 Fine Harvest, 4-1 Count Barachois, 12-1 others.

3.45 QUALITAIR SUCCESS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,693: 2m 5f 110yd) (6)
1 -501 NORTHERN VILLAGE 21 (D,F,G) S Dow 8-12-0 D Gallagher
2 2P64 PRINCE TINO 17 (F) N Gaselee 7-10-11 J Railton
3 4641 ROYAL CITIZEN 11 (F,G) J Bottomley 6-10-0 D Byrne
4 4610 SHAMSHADAL 27F (S) J Jenkins 5-10-0 F Leahy (3)
5 /P-0 QUAI D'ORSAY 42 (F,G,S) K Wingrove 10-10-0 J Ryan
6 0520 MOUNTSHANNON 14 (C,D,F,G) C Trietline 9-10-0 L Harvey
6-4 Northern Village, 9-4 Royal Citizen, 5-1 Prince Tino, Shamshadal, 14-1 Quai d'Orsay, Mountshannon.

4.15 EAST MIDLANDS ELECTRICITY MENCAP NOVICES CHASE (£2,815: 2m 4f 110yd) (5)
1 P412 MERRY PANTO 16 (BF,F) C Brooks 6-11-10 D Gallagher
2 1282 MR GENEALOGY 5 (B,F,G,S) F Murphy 5-11-3 Sophie Mitchell (5)
3 03U6 QUALITAIR MEMORY 24 (F,G,S) A Jones 6-11-3 G McCourt
4 3P03 INCH GALE 16P (B) J Jenkins 8-10-12 Mr M Gingell
5 -P0P SWEET FRIENDSHIP 16 Mrs L Jewell 7-10-12 J Railton
6-5 Merry Panto, 2-1 Mr Genealogy, 5-1 Inch Gale, 6-1 Qualitair Memory, 33-1 Sweet Friendship.

4.45 MISSION CYRUS GROUP MAIDEN HURDLE (£2,355: 2m 110yd) (9)
1 PP-P BE THE BEST 9 (B) John Whyte 7-11-5 Mr M Gingell
2 0P- CORNELIUS O'DEA 501 J White 5-11-5 P McLoughlin (3)
3 30SP DESERT CHALLENGER 12 J Jenkins 5-11-5 G McCourt
4 0000 OSCAIL AN DORAS 116 F Murphy 6-11-5 D Gallagher
5 -323 PAIR OF JACKS 5F D Wilson 5-11-5 L Harvey
6 0 PARIS BOURSE 30 J Norton 5-11-5 G Lee (5)
7 52 RAGS ASSAYF 28 P Mitchell 5-11-5 Mr R Teal
8 00 VENERDI SANTO 259 P Butler 5-11-5 F Leahy (3)
9 P20 SHUTTLINGSLOW 16 (BF) N Gaselee 4-10-9 J Railton
2-1 Shuttlingslow, 11-4 Rags Assayf, 3-1 Pair Of Jacks, 7-1 Desert Challenger, 10-1 Paris Bourse, 12-1 Cornelius O'Dea, 16-1 Oscail An Doras, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: S Kettlewell, 3 winners from 6 runners, 50.0%; J Spearing, 7 from 27, 25.9%; J Pearce, 6 from 26, 23.1%; F Murphy, 24 from 145, 16.6%; S Dow, 4 from 25, 16.0%; J White, 5 from 32, 15.6%.

JOCKEYS: J Railton, 10 winners from 52 rides, 19.2%; J Ryan, 8 from 44, 18.2%; G McCourt, 11 from 66, 16.7%; L Harvey, 6 from 46, 13.0%; D Gallagher, 3 from 28, 10.7%. Only qualifiers.

☐ David Bridgwater, injured in a fall at Exeter last Thursday, is still not fit to ride. He was hoping to make a comeback at Huntingdon today, but said last night: "I have very severe whiplash and cannot guarantee 110% yet so will give it some extra rest. I may return at Stratford next Friday."

Layers divided over Celtic Swing

CONFLICTING opinions emerged among the bookmakers in the ante-post market for the Derby after Celtic Swing's gallop at Lingfield. Initial reports suggested that worries about Peter Savill's colt handling the track at Epsom had been allayed by a workout at Lingfield last Monday.

His jockey, Kevin Darley, in a televised interview on Saturday, said: "He worked with three other horses at Lingfield on Monday. He coped with the hill quite well and we were pleased with him."

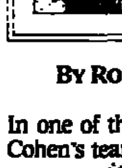
But Coral spokesman Rob Hartnett said: "I get the impression that after his gallop Celtic Swing is a shade of odds against running at Epsom. "We have left our prices as they were because we are tied by liabilities on Celtic Swing and he is 7-4 with a run.

"Peter Savill has two options. Either he can run in France, where he has as superb chance of winning a Derby, and then going on to Ireland and becoming a dual Derby winner. Or he could go to Epsom and risk coming up against a better horse than he would meet in France and possibly damaging the horse in conditions he doesn't like."

However, David Hood of William Hill believes Celtic Swing's Lingfield workout has increased the chances of his running at Epsom. "We take his gallop as a definite plus," he said. "The cambers at Epsom and Lingfield are very similar. He's worked satisfactorily and proven that he can act down a hill. Now it's poured down overnight and the forecast is changeable. I think he'll be a definite runner in the Derby, which is why we bet with him in the lists."

Ladbrokes have eased Celtic Swing's price for the Derby from 7-4 to 2-1 with a run.

Savill will decide on Wednesday whether to supplement Celtic Swing to next Sunday's Prix du Jockey Club at Chantilly or allow him to take his chance in the Derby at Epsom.



SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

In one of the early rounds of the Spring Foursomes, Howard Cohen's team (R. Cliffe, I. P. Gordon and B. Schapiro) were all square with eight boards to go. They outscored their international opponents by 79 IMPs to 0 over the last eight, the biggest score I have ever seen. In football terms, that is like scoring six goals without reply in the last 20 minutes. They gained 4,400 total points, an average of 550 points per board. This was one of their successes:

East Dealer | East-West game | IMPs

North: ♠— ♥6 ♦KQJ1054 ♣KJ10842
West: ♠AK10 ♥AKQ1093 ♦862 ♣A
East: ♠Q5432 ♥J875 ♦A9 ♣97
South: ♠J9876 ♥42 ♦73 ♣Q653

Open room:

W	N	E	S
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♣ (1)	1♦	Pass (2)	Pass
3♦ (3)	5♣	Pass	Pass
Double	All pass		

Contract: Five Clubs doubled, by North. Lead: five of hearts

(1) Strong — 17 plus. (2) 4-7 points: On a weaker hand he would have had to have doubled (a genuine 'negative' double, unlike the more usual card-showing doubles used by many tournament players); with an 8+ hand he would bid a new suit or make a cue-bid. (3) Asking partner to bid 3NT with a diamond stopper.

Five Clubs went one off, for 100 to East-West. It was not much compensation — Six Hearts is lay-down for East-West.

East should have worked out that his partner must have solid hearts for his bid of Three Diamonds. Then East can make a cue-bid of Five Diamonds over Five Clubs. There was no danger of his partner taking him for a stronger hand, as he had already limited his hand by the pass over One Diamond. I will discuss the action in the other room tomorrow.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.



KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess correspondent

Prodigy shines

Britain's 11 year old chess prodigy, Luke McShane, the recipient of the £12,000 Psion sponsorship award to further his chess career, scored an impressive first round win in the Croydon Borough international tournament which started over the weekend.

White: Maduekwe
Black: McShane
Croydon Borough international, May 1995

King's Indian Defence

1	d4	Nf6
2	c4	g6
3	Nc3	Bg7
4	e4	d6
5	f3	0-0
6	Be3	c5
7	dxc5	dxc5
8	Qxd8	Rxd8
9	Bxc5	Nc6
10	Ba3	a5
11	Rd1	Be6
12	Nd5	Nb4
13	Nxe7+	Kh8
14	Nd5	b5
15	cxb5	Nbxd5
16	exd5	Rxd5
17	Rxd5	Bxd5
18	Nh3	Bxa2
19	Kf2	Bd4+
20	Kg3	Re8
21	b6	Bxb6
22	Bb5	Re5
23	Ba4	Bc7
24	Rd1	Nd3
25	Nf4	Re3

White resigns

Computer crunch

Here is the brilliant game lost by John Nunn in the Aegon Human v Computer tournament.

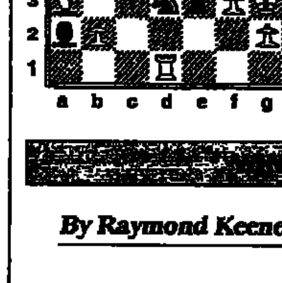
White: Quest
Black: John Nunn
Aegon, 1995

Modern Defence

1	e4	g6
2	d4	Bg7
3	Nc3	c6
4	Nf3	d5
5	h3	Nh6
6	Bf4	f6
7	Qd2	Nf7
8	0-0-0	0-0
9	Be3	a6
10	Be2	b5
11	Bd3	e6
12	h4	Nd7
13	h5	g5
14	h6	Bh8
15	exd5	cxd5
16	Nxd5	Bb7
17	Nc3	Nd6
18	Rh5	Rf7
19	Bxg5	Bxf3
20	gxf3	fxg5
21	Rxg5+	Kf8
22	Rdg1	Nf6
23	Ne4	Ndxe4
24	fxe4	Qxd4
25	e5	Ke7
26	c3	Qb6
27	exf6+	Bxf6
28	Rg8	Rxg8
29	Rxg8	Bh4
30	f4	Bf2
31	Kc2	Qe3
32	Qd1	Qxf4
33	Bxb5	Bb6
34	Be8	Black resigns

If Black plays 16 ... exd5, then 17 Bxh7+ Kxh7 18 Qd3+ forces mate.

Diagram of final position



☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

By Philip Howard

DECARNATION
a. The Jamaican carnation
b. Filleting meat
c. Deliverance from flesh

ESALON
a. The Phoenician E
b. A buzzard
c. Steerage accommodation

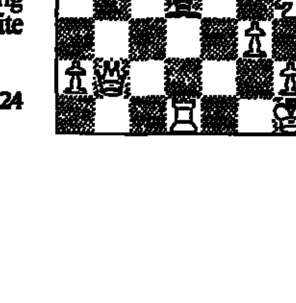
DWINE
a. To pine away
b. Non-alcoholic wine
c. Turbojet noise

DESPECTION
a. Despising
b. A witch hunt
c. Combing for lice

Answers on page 24

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Botvinnik - Szabo, Groningen 1946. Black has just captured on d4, giving check. How should White reply?



Solution: page 24

Rain helps Ridgewood Pearl upstage Harayir

By our Irish Racing Correspondent

THE Newmarket 1,000 Guineas winner, Harayir, could finish only fifth in her historic double attempt on Saturday's Airlie Coolmore Irish 1,000 Guineas at the Curragh, won impressively by the John Oxx-trained Ridgewood Pearl.

Heavy rain lashed down on the course before racing, which favoured Ridgewood Pearl. *Proven on soft ground*, she galloped clear at the distance, under Christy Roche, to beat the Clive Brittain-trained Warning Shadows by four lengths with *the Aga Khan-owned* Khaytada third.

Harayir could not cope with the winner's acceleration after Willie Carson had her in a favourable position ready to pounce, while Mick Channon's Fleet Hill was just behind the favourite in sixth.

Carson said: "I rode in a two-year-old race an hour beforehand and the ground was good. But for the Guineas it was definitely on the soft side. It's debatable whether she would have won anyway. It's possible she didn't stay but I would be pretty frightened of taking on the winner again. When she kicked I was flat to *the boards straight away*."

Her trainer, Dick Hern, reported that Harayir would be a possible for Royal Ascot's Coronation Stakes. He said: "At least we know now that she is a firm-ground filly."

Hern admitted: "I was probably too confident that she would handle the softer going — her grandam, Give Thanks, loved it. When we arrived at the Curragh the ground was still good but then we got heavy rain for a couple of *hours and that made all the difference*."

The Coronation Stakes is definitely next on the agenda for Ridgewood Pearl, who gave Oxx his first 1,000 Guineas victory.

"She goes on this ground but she is better on good going and I was actually worried about it raining too much," the *Curragh trainer said*.

Brittain was delighted with Warning Shadows's effort and said: "I knew she would improve, as between her two previous races she threw a splint and has spent a lot of time on the walker and swimming."

The unbeaten Definite Article pushed himself into the classic picture when beating one-time Derby prospect Shemaran in the listed Hotel Conrad Silver Stakes.

Dermot Weld initially proposed an American target, the Belmont Stakes, on June 10 as Definite Article's likely objective, a race Weld and Michael Kinane won in 1990 with Go And Go. However, yesterday Weld was considering supplementing Definite Article, last year's National Stakes winner, for the French Derby.

"He is bred to be a sprinter but wasn't stopping on Saturday over ten furlongs," Weld said. A decision on whether to go to the United States or France is likely to be made today.

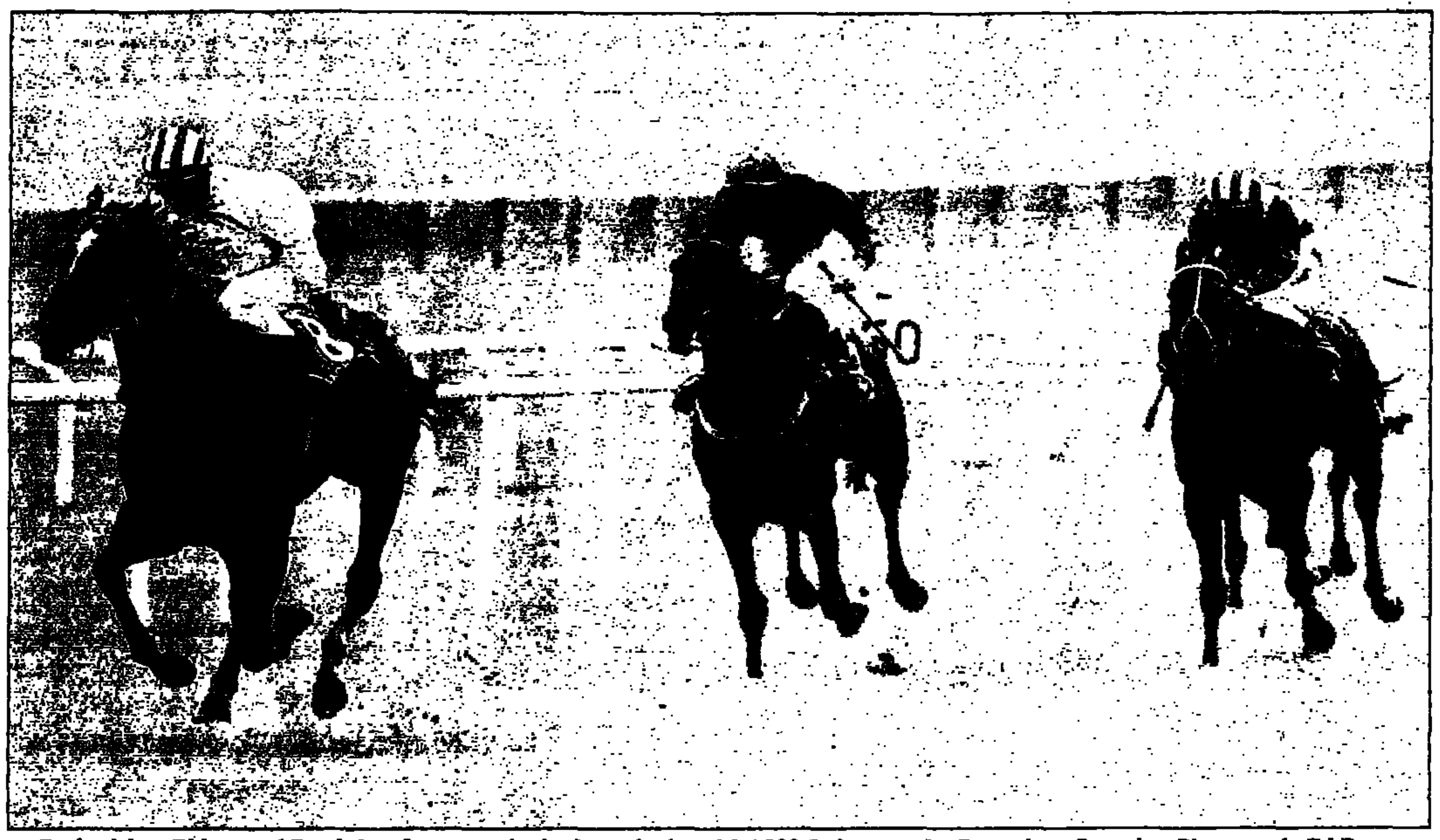
Weld will also travel to Epsom during the week to check the ground for his Derby hope, Humbel. "If it is very fast he won't run and instead we would wait for the Gallinule Stakes and the Irish *Derby*," *he said*.

CURRAGH DETAILS

Going: good

3.50 AIRLIE/COOLMORE IRISH 1,000 GUINEAS (Group I 3-Y-O fillies: Ir£84,250: 1m)

1, RIDGEWOOD PEARL (C Roche, 9-4); 2, Warning Shadows (M J Kinane, 9-1); 3, Khaytada (J P Murtagh, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 11-10 fav Harayir (5th), 14 Ghostly (4th), 16 Mediation, 20 Fleet Hill (6th), 25 Park Charger, 50 Taibhseach, Adjacht. 10 ran. 4l, 1l, 1½l, 1½l. J Oxx Tote: £3.20, £1.60, £2.20, £2.30. Reverse forecast: £10.70. CSF: £22.75. 1min 43.90sec. After a stewards' enquiry, the result stood.



Roche drives Ridgewood Pearl clear for an emphatic victory in the Irish 1,000 Guineas at the Curragh on Saturday. Photograph: Ed Byrne

Judgment day imminent for new-age owner

Horse racing in Britain is shedding its old skin. Of this there is daily evidence, although none has been more striking than Peter Savill's ruminations over Celtic Swing's participation in the Derby. There were *times*, albeit distant, when Savill's perceived reluctance would have seen him take up residence in the Tower of London. Worse still, he might have burned at the stake.

As it is, Savill resides largely in the Cayman Islands. And he is far from an *evil spirit. Yet judgment day* looms: Savill is expected to declare his intentions within the next 48 hours. Should he elect to bypass the Derby in favour of the French alternative, he will have struck a painful blow to racing in this country.

If the Derby is not what it once was, a change in *Epsom's ownership* has encouraged the belief that it will recapture its past glories. Celtic Swing's absence would be akin to that belief having all but fallen at the first hurdle. In the emotive sense, Celtic Swing simply must run at Epsom. In reality, however, Savill's misgivings are indicative of a new age in racing.

For Savill is no part-time imposter on the British turf. He is, numerically, the largest British-born owner of *racehorses. There have been* others with his level of commitment but none with his philosophy. A hobby it may be, but Savill, a self-made individual, has always run the show with an eye for business.

There are some who feel he should slacken his grip; adopt the view of the landowner: *remind himself that* racing remains a sport. They are, in effect, enticing him on the road to nowhere down which so many owner-breeders have journeyed to extinction.

The same *laissez-faire* approach would have consigned Savill to the financial scrap-heap. No one can begrudge *him the right to* exercise his choice.

Nonetheless, Savill himself will recognise that racing has become moribund by theory. It is analytical to the point of self-destruction. It is always possible to forward one reason, one doubt, why a given horse should not contest a given race.

Consider Mill Reef, whose glorious stride was made in Heaven. Every one of his connections favoured withdrawing the great horse when, *for the first time*, he was confronted with heavy ground in the *1970* Gimcrack Stakes at York. Everyone, that is, with the exception of his owner, Paul Mellon, who insisted on *running* and was rewarded with victory by ten lengths.

More recently, there was Commander In Chief, whose laboured defeat of moderate opponents at York did not remotely equate to his thunderous Derby victory three weeks later. If the nature of racing has changed, it remains true that *nothing can make fools of* men quite like a horse.

In Savill's case, his reservations centre on fast ground around Epsom's undulations. The undulations themselves should pose little problem for Celtic Swing. Only horses that cannot go the Derby pace find the gradients at Tattenham Corner beyond them. If, five furlongs from the finish, your horse is not travelling well within itself, you would not win a Derby if it was run across the flat lawns of Wimbledon.

Essentially, it boils down to the prospect of fast ground. And here the Epsom executive has been *criticised* for extensively watering the course. Had Savill not voiced his fears, the odds are that Epsom would have been watered just as freely, but without public scrutiny. A Derby run on very fast ground would be courting disaster. It is a matter of record that Epsom endeavours to produce good ground for the Derby. This it has achieved in four of the last five years.

Of course, a spate of thunderstorms in the days before June 10 would drastically alter the *Derby's* complexion. But let us not dwell on what might happen and instead reflect that conditions on race day should prove no barrier to Celtic Swing's participation.

The portents look favourable, even in racing's new age.

JULIAN MUSCAT

Racing commentary

LEADERS ON THE FLAT

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Days since win	Level stakes
J Berry	36	24	35	1	-108.07
R Hollinshead	32	35	43	4	-99.27
J Gosden	30	16	16	1	+1.68
R Hannon	30	27	28	2	-118.55
M Johnston	29	41	35	1	-101.81
M Channon	28	23	25	2	-24.23
J Dunlop	26	20	22	1	-6.84
C Brittain	26	19	29	1	+29.55
P Cole	22	13	21	1	+4.24
H Cecil	20	19	11	1	-11.26
M Stoute	19	15	10	7	-18.22
Mrs J Ramsden	19	22	8	2	-37.92
P Haslam	17	13	6	3	-23.62
Mrs N Macauley	17	7	17	16	+39.00
A Bailey	17	21	11	9	-24.22

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Losing sequence	Level stakes
L Dettori	82	74	60	3	-104.96
J Weaver	66	67	55	0	-108.96
K Darley	50	39	31	4	+31.26
R Cochrane	44	33	38	0	-68.62
Pat Eddery	37	19	21	1	-3.70
T Ives	37	33	32	5	-78.59
J Carroll	33	25	20	7	-42.95
W Carson	31	19	15	3	-22.68
T Quinn	31	23	30	4	-0.11
J Reid	28	21	21	13	+4.93
B Doyle	25	18	19	2	+55.18
M Fenton	25	15	16	0	-24.82
D Harrison	25	24	28	3	-78.05
W Ryan	23	25	20	1	-18.60
K Fallon	21	21	13	6	-17.89

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THUNDERER

2.10 Top Show. 2.40 Rapid Liner. 3.10 Virtual Reality. 3.40 Ring Of Vision. 4.15 Hit The Canvas. 4.45 Bouche Bee.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

DRAW: 5F-7F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.10 LADY TAVERNERS SELLING STAKES (£2,775: 7f) (17 runners)

1 (9) 6142 OBSIDIAN GREY 17 (CD,F,G,S) Miss L Siddall 8-9-10 D R McCabe (3) 89
2 (14) 4001 VELOCE 10 (D,F,G) A Bailey 7-9-10 S Maloney [illegible]
3 (16) 0-06 ASHDREN 21 (D,G,S) A Harrison 8-9-7 J Stack (5) 90
4 (15) -320 BEST KEPT SECRET 14 (F,G,S) J Berry 4-9-7 P Fessey (7) 98
5 (4) 5250 BEWARE OF AGENTS 17 (D,F,S) M Johnston 6-9-7 Dean McKeown 98
6 (10) 0535 BIRCHWOOD SUN 17 (B,C,F,G,S) M Dods 5-9-7 V Halliday (5) 90
7 (11) -003 GANT BLEU 10 (CD,F,G,S) R Whitaker 8-9-7 A Culhane 77
8 (7) HALLS BURN 11J J Goldie 7-9-7 T Williams –
9 (3) -003 KID ORY 34 (G) P Calver 4-9-7 M Birch 93
10 (9) 0-64 TOP SHOW 14 (F,G) K Hogg 4-9-7 Dale Gibson 84
11 (13) 010- WINTER SCOUT 246 (F,G) Mrs M Reveley 7-9-7 K Darley 91
12 (2) /00- MONKEY FACE 349 J Hetherton 4-9-2 J Quinn –
13 (8) 0000 SKIPTAMALOO 14 (V) Don Enrico Incisa 4-9-2 Kim Tinkler 93
14 (12) -000 KINGS VISION 10 (B,D,G) B Rothwell 3-8-10 M Fenton 90
15 (1) 0-00 RED HOT RISK 33 (V,G) M Dods 3-8-10 L Charnock 85
16 (5) 060- BITCH 165 (F) D Nicholls 3-8-5 N Connorton 86
17 (17) 00-0 KITTY WATERJET 91 B Ellison 3-8-5 N Kennedy –

4-1 Best Kept Secret, 5-1 Veloce, 6-1 Top Show, 7-1 Ashdren, 8-1 Beware Of Agents, 17-2 Birchwood Sun, 9-1 Kid Ory, 10-1 Obsidian Grey, 12-1 Winter Scout, 14-1 others.

2.40 IDEAL HOMES MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,277: 5f) (12)

1 (10) CAMIONNEUR M H Easterby 8-6 S Maloney –
2 (2) 56 RAPID LINER 8 A Harrison 8-6 J Stack (5) 88
3 (11) TURBO NORTH M Dods 8-6 Dale Gibson –
4 (3) CHILLAM J Leigh 8-2 Dean McKeown –
5 (4) 44 NORTHERN CLAN 3 M W Easterby 8-2 L Charnock 82
6 (12) TAUREAN FIRE Mrs M Reveley 8-2 K Darley –
7 (6) D WHITE EMIR 7 Mrs J Ramsden 8-2 M Fenton –
8 (8) 64 PRIDE OF WHALLEY 14 (BF) J Berry 8-1 Paul Fessey (7) [illegible]
9 (9) KLIPSPINGER B Rothwell 7-11 J Marshall –
10 (5) SANDBLASTER Miss J Craze 7-11 N Kennedy –
11 (1) SUPREME SCHOLAR B Murray 7-11 J Quinn –
12 (7) TABRIZ J Bethell 7-11 T Williams –

11-4 Rapid Liner, 4-1 Taurean Fire, 5-1 Pride Of Whalley, 8-1 White Emir, Tabriz, 10-1 Camionneur, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: A Hide, 5 winners from 18 runners, 27.8%; P Harris, 6 from 25, 24.0%; Mrs M Reveley, 45 from 288, 15.6%; D Morley, 5 from 34, 14.7%; L Cumani, 5 from 35, 14.3%; J Berry, 17 from 141, 12.1%; P Calver, 6 from 50, 12.0%.

JOCKEYS: K Darley, 50 from 236, 21.2%; J Stack, 4 from 25, 16.0%; J Marshall, 5 from 34, 14.7%; Dale Gibson, 10 from 100, 10%; J Quinn, 4 from 40, 10.0%. Only qualifiers.

3.10 ZETLAND GOLD CUP HANDICAP (£14,508: 1m 2f) (10)

1 (5) 42-1 BUROOJ 23 (D,F,G,S) D Morley 5-9-10 M Fenton 94
2 (6) 112- PENNY A DAY 205 (C,D,G) Mrs M Reveley 5-9-10 K Darley 93
3 (7) 30-4 MR CONFUSION 11 (D,F,G,S) Miss S Hall 7-9-4 J Stack (5) 96
4 (8) 5-00 COUNTRY LOVER 42 (F,G) Lord Huntingdon 4-9-1 Dean McKeown 91
5 (9) 2020 QUEENS CONSUL 9 (F,G) B Rothwell 5-8-8 M Birch 97
6 (1) 15-6 MOWLAIE 21 (D,F) J Bethell 4-8-7 T Williams 92
7 (2) 00-2 VIRTUAL REALITY 10 (D,F) A Hide 4-8-6 Dale Gibson [illegible]
8 (4) 0105 PRIDE OF PENDLE 9 (C,F,G,S) D Nicholls 6-8-0 L Charnock 97
9 (10) 3124 SECRET ALY 42 (D,G) C Brittain 5-8-0 J Quinn 96
10 (3) 1561 BARDON HILL BOY 7 (D,G) B Hanbury 3-7-7 (6ex) M Baird (5) 95

3-1 Burooj, 4-1 Penny A Day, 6-1 Mr Confusion, 7-1 Pride Of Pendle, Secret Aly, 8-1 Country Lover, Queens Consul, 10-1 others.

3.45 R A F LEEMING AIR DAY 1995 HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,485: 1m 2f) (15)

1 (4) 3384 BEAU MATELOT 14 J Bethell 9-7 T Williams 92
2 (3) 080 CUPRONICKEL 23 J Watts 9-5 N Connorton 81
3 (10) 0-00 SHINING EDGE 9 M H Easterby 9-4 M Birch 93
4 (8) 500 SHAZANNI 17 J Fitzgerald 9-3 S Maloney 84
5 (6) -001 BULSARA 19 (D,F) C Fairhurst 9-2 J Stack (5) 89
6 (5) 00-2 DRUMOCHTER 14 D Morley 9-1 M Fenton [illegible]
7 (9) 5000 ALLTIME DANCER 9 Mrs J Ramsden 9-1 T Finn (7) 83
8 (15) -031 TOSHIBA TALK 14 (CD,F) B Ellison 9-0 N Kennedy 94
9 (12) 060- DANCE MOTION 212 T Etherington 8-12 Dale Gibson 80
10 (2) 00-0 RING OF VISION 21 (BF) Mrs M Reveley 8-8 K Darley 83
11 (13) 602 ISLAND CASCADE 19 D Incisa 8-6 Kim Tinkler 90
12 (11) 0000 PRIME PROPERTY 21 M W Easterby 8-6 L Charnock 98
13 (1) 0-00 BALLARD LADY 10 J Wainwright 8-1 Dean McKeown 98
14 (14) 0000 LONGCROFT 3 K Hogg 7-13 M Baird (5) 80
15 (7) 500- COAST ALONG 251 C Thornton 7-10 J Marshall 91

3-1 Drumochter, 7-2 Toshiba Talk, 4-1 Beau Matelot, 6-1 Alltime Dancer, 10-1 Bulsara, 12-1 Ring Of Vision, 14-1 others.

4.15 PARK HOTEL REDCAR HANDICAP (£3,209: 1m 6f 19yd) (9)

1 (2) 16-0 HIT THE CANVAS 12J (G) Mrs M Reveley 4-10-0 K Darley 84
2 (7) 26-0 CHANTRY BEATH 13 (G,S) C Thornton 4-9-8 Dean McKeown 85
3 (1) -001 HO-JOE 17 (D,F) J Carr 5-8-11 S Morris 94
4 (3) 64-6 PERSIAN LINNET 51 Mrs M Reveley 4-8-7 M Fenton 93
5 (9) 5-25 VAIN PRINCE 10 (D,F,G,S) N Tinkler 8-8-3 L Charnock [illegible]
6 (4) 00/4 WEAVER GEORGE 18 J Hellens 5-7-7 Dale Gibson 98
7 (6) -050 DON'T CRY 10 D Incisa 7-7-7 Kim Tinkler 91
8 (8) 45/0 BAJAN AFFAIR 9 Miss L Siddall 5-7-7 M Baird (5) 90
9 (5) 60-0 ESCAPE TALK 3 (F) J Dooler 8-7-7 J Quinn 80

2-1 Ho-Joe, 11-4 Weaver George, 3-1 Vain Prince, 5-1 Persian Linnet, 6-1 Hit The Canvas, 20-1 others.

4.45 YARM WINDOWS MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,763: 6f) (7)

1 (6) 00 FUZZY 25 S Kettlewell 9-0 J Stack (5) –
2 (5) 24-0 PRIME MATCH 14 P Harris 9-0 M Fenton 88
3 (1) 5623 ROY BOY 32 Mrs M Reveley 9-0 K Darley 93
4 (3) YOUNG BEN J Wainwright 9-0 Dean McKeown –
5 (2) 02 BOUCHE BEE 9 L Cumani 8-9 O Urbina (3) [illegible]
6 (4) 4- JUST LIKE ME 287 R Guest 8-9 J Quinn 81
7 (7) 425 MAMMA'S DUE 17 J Berry 8-9 M Birch 84

10-11 Bouche Bee, 5-1 Mamma's Due, 7-1 Roy Boy, 10-1 Just Like Me, Prime Match, 12-1 others.

LEICESTER

THUNDERER

2.20 Pacific Grove. 2.55 Stalled. 3.25 Dots Dee. 3.55 Floridante. 4.25 Ultra Barley. 4.55 Secret Spring. 5.25 Captain Carat.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.55 Out On A Promise.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

2.20 LIONESS MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O fillies: £3,682: 5f 218yd) (9 runners)

1 FAG END M Tompkins 8-11 R Dorans 8
2 FLASH IN THE PAN M Bell 8-11 J Fanning 9
3 HERALD ANGEL M Tompkins 8-11 S Mulvey (5) 4
4 0 LA MODISTE 31 S Dow 8-11 Stephen Davies 6
5 MISS CAROTTENE M Ryan 8-11 A Clark 5
6 PACIFIC GROVE P Cole 8-11 T Quinn 1
7 PENDLEY ROSE P Harris 8-11 J Fortune 3
8 SINGDALLA J Dunlop 8-11 G Duffield 7
9 SOLAR CRYSTAL H Cecil 8-11 W Newnes 2

2-1 Solar Crystal, 4-1 Singdalla, Pacific Grove, 7-1 Flash In The Pan, 8-1 Fag End, 10-1 La Modiste, Pendley Rose, 12-1 others.

2.55 TIGERS APPRENTICES HANDICAP (£2,827: 1m 3f 183yd) (10)

1 0424 PRIDE OF MAY 10 (B,F) R Hannon 4-10-0 E Greehy (7) 1
2 4105 CLIBURNEL NEWS 9 (CD,F,G) A Forbes 5-9-4 D Denby (5) 2
3 0/0 PLATINI 11J (V) G Balding 4-9-4 R Painter 6
4 001- NORDIC CROWN 13J (B,G) M Pipe 4-9-3 D Gibbs 8
5 00/ BELGRAN 653 (D,F,G) W Brisbourne 5-9-0 D Griffiths 7
6 0000 STALLED 14 (D,G,S) P Walwyn 5-8-13 L James (7) 10
7 005- THROWER 24J W Brisbourne 4-8-11 Martin Dwyer (3) 5
8 200- SAFE SECRET 207 R Brotherton 4-8-9 S Lanigan (3) 9
9 02-0 SPRINGTIME AFFAIR 21J J Mullins 4-8-7 Dane O'Neill (3) 4
10 0-00 PIP'S DREAM 9J M Ryan 4-8-0 Nicola Howarth (3) 3

2-1 Pride Of May, 5-1 Cliburnel News, 6-1 Nordic Crown, 7-1 Platini, Thrower, 10-1 Belgran, Safe Secret, 12-1 others.

3.25 ANSTEY SELLING HANDICAP (£3,072: 1m 1f 218yd) (19)

1 000- AMAAM AMAAM 9J W Musson 5-9-10 P McCabe (5) 10
2 0002 BOLD MICK 30 (S) D Murray Smith 4-9-9 A Mackay 15
3 0-24 PORTE BELLOCH 27 (G) C Nash 4-9-3 T Quinn 3
4 0006 ROSINA'S FOLLY 10 J L Harris 4-9-2 S Drowne (5) 16
5 550- MUTAWALI 214J R Baker 5-8-13 J Williams 17
6 -000 LADY HIGHFIELD 14 M Ryan 4-8-9 A Clark 5
7 -000 CLANCY'S EXPRESS 14 G Balding 4-8-9 Dane O'Neill (7) 4
8 5554 MIDLIN 48 J L Harris 5-8-9 S D Williams 9
9 0006 IL FRATELLO 5 N Callaghan 4-8-9 G Duffield 6
10 000- DREAM MISSY 325 J Bosley 4-8-5 C Rutter 19
11 -400 MINT A MILLION 30 M Blanshard 4-8-5 Stephen Davies 1
12 -054 DOTS DEE 3 (F) J Bradley 6-7-13 D Wright (3) 12
13 0-00 TOBAGO BOY 7 M Meagher 3-7-13 F Norton 7
14 05-0 DELMOUR 16J W Brisbourne 4-7-13 Martin Dwyer (7) 2
15 5006 MAGIC LEADER 10 T Clement 3-7-12 S Lanigan (7) 8
16 4055 TWO WAY STRETCH 11 G L Moore 3-7-12 A Whelan (5) 13
17 -400 GULF BAY 14 (V) M Bell 3-7-10 J Fanning 18
18 0-00 TOCCO JEWEL 3 (C,S) M Ryan 5-7-6 Nicola Howarth (7) 14
19 0500 CENTAUR EXPRESS 44 A Forbes 3-7-7 A Garth (3) 11

5-1 Bold Mick, 6-1 Porte Belloch, 10-1 Lady Highfield, Rosina's Folly, Mutawali, Midlin, Dots Dee, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: P Walwyn, 7 winners from 28 runners, 25.0%; H Cecil, 18 from 79, 22.8%; M Pipe, 6 from 27, 22.2%; J Dunlop, 16 from 90, 17.8%; G Wragg, 6 from 34, 17.6%; R Hannon, 26 from 158, 16.5%.

JOCKEYS: T Quinn, 20 winners from 138 rides, 14.5%; J Williams, 13 from 119, 10.9%. Only qualifiers.

3.55 ROTHMANS ROYALS NORTH SOUTH CHALLENGE SERIES (Handicap: £4,464: 1m 8yd) (13)

1 0-00 ASTRAL WEEKS 11 (C,F,S) R Hannon 4-9-10 Dane O'Neill (7) 2
2 04-6 WEAVER BIRD 21 (D,F,G) H Candy 5-9-9 W Newnes 6
3 0108 MISTY SILKS 25 (CD,G,S) M Ryan 5-9-7 A Clark 5
4 00-0 CONIC HILL 42 (B,D,F) R Baker 4-9-1 J Williams 8
5 0130 CLIFTON FOX 11 (C,D,F,G) J Glover 3-9-0 S D Williams 4
6 1000 ZAHRAN 17 (D,F,G) J Bradley 4-8-11 S Drowne (5) 1
7 -066 OUT ON A PROMISE 11 (G) G Wragg 3-8-10 F Norton 12
8 -502 FLORIDANTE 8 P Cole 3-8-9 T Quinn 10
9 1600 BENTICO 27 (B,CD,F,G) Mrs N Macauley 6-8-8 J Fortune 3
10 0051 RAFTER-J 3 (D,G,S) J A Harris 4-8-4 (6ex) A Mackay 11
11 0-55 DESERT ZONE 16 (S) J L Harris 6-8-3 G Duffield 9
12 60-0 RACING BRENDA 20 (G) B McMahon 4-7-12 J Fanning 7
13 -230 MR CUBE 14 (V,D,F,G) J Bradley 5-7-9 D Wright (3) 13

7-2 Floridante, 5-1 Out On A Promise, 7-1 Clifton Fox, 8-1 Weaver Bird, Misty Silks, Desert Zone, 10-1 others.

4.25 LOUGHBOROUGH CLAIMING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,721: 5f 218yd) (5)

1 ULTRA BARLEY P Haslam 8-13 J Fortune 2
2 121 MOI CANARD 7 (D,G) J Berry 8-11 S D Williams 5
3 0220 U-NO-HARRY 7 R Hollinshead 8-7 A Garth (3) 3
4 602 BOBSWORTHATCASPERS 6 (BF) G Lewis 8-5 A Whelan (5) 4
5 SIMPLY SILLY R Thompson 8-0 Stephen Davies 1

Evens Moi Canard, 3-1 Bobsworthatcaspers, 5-1 U-No-Harry, 13-2 Ultra Barley, 12-1 Simply Silly.

4.55 MARKET BOSWORTH MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,973: 1m 8yd) (10)

1 00- BELL CONTRACTORS 273 C Broad 9-0 A Mackay 2
2 00-0 CALL ME FLASH 34 Mrs P Sly 9-0 A Clark 10
3 -000 CAN'T SAY 3 (V) J Bradley 9-0 S Drowne (5) 5
4 -0 LAUDATION 10 G Balding 9-0 J Williams 7
5 4-5 MAJOR CHANGE 10 R Hannon 9-0 Dane O'Neill (7) 3
6 020 PROUD IMAGE 14 A Jarvis 9-0 G Duffield 9
7 23 SECRET SPRING 49 R Charlton 9-0 S Raymont 8
8 00- CLAUDIA HABIBI 230 C Elsey 8-9 W Newnes 4
9 0 DR FRANCES 10 C Elsey 8-9 C Rutter 1
10 2 WILD RITA 7 W Muir 8-9 T Quinn 6

6-4 Major Change, 7-2 Secret Spring, 6-1 Wild Rita, 7-1 Dr Frances, 10-1 Laudation, 12-1 Proud Image, Bell Contractors, 14-1 others.

5.25 GROBY HANDICAP (£4,341: 5f 218yd) (14)

1 010- JOIN THE CLAN 241 (C,D,F,G) Mrs N Macauley 6-10-0 S Drowne (5) 8
2 0-04 MASTER OF PASSION 9 (C,D,F,G,S) J Eustace 6-9-13 M Tebbutt 13
3 5325 CROFT POOL 12 (D,G) J Glover 4-9-8 T Quinn 7
4 516- PYRAMUS 240 (S) Mrs L Piggott 4-9-5 G Milligan (7) 2
5 0056 MACS MAHARANEE 21 (BF,D,F,G) P Felgate 8-9-3 P McCabe (5) 9
6 0600 PAGEBOY 8 (D,F,G) P Haslam 6-9-1 J Fortune 14
7 0-50 BRYAN ROBSON 21 (F) G Balding 4-8-11 J Williams 6
8 3411 THE OLD CHAPEL 16 (B,CD,F,G,S) B McMahon 6-8-9 F Norton 12
9 0001 CAPTAIN CARAT 21 (D,F,G) Mrs J Ramsden 4-8-9 S D Williams 10
10 4566 JIGSAW BOY 9 (C,D,F,S) P Murphy 6-8-5 R Waterfield (7) 1
11 0-00 SLIVOVITZ 9 (B,CD,F,G) M Heaton-Ellis 5-8-4 Stephen Davies 5
12 4060 GREAT HALL 16 (CD,F,G) P Condell 6-8-1 A Mackay 11
13 10-0 STAR OF GOLD 14 (D,F) C Egerton 3-8-1 C Rutter 4
14 006- MALIBU MAN 224 S Mellor 3-7-7 D Wright (3) 3

5-1 Master Of Passion, 6-1 Captain Carat, 7-1 The Old Chapel, 8-1 Croft Pool, Jigsaw Boy, Pyramus, 10-1 others.

Blinkered first time

CARTMEL: 2.00 Petal's Jarred. CHEPSTOW: 4.00 Silent Sovereign. FONTWELL PARK: 3.00 Kisheelan Lad. HEREFORD: 4.35 Niki Su, 5.05 Passing Player. HUNTINGDON: 4.45 Be The Best. LEICESTER: 2.55 Nordic Crown, Platini. REDCAR: 2.10 Kings Vision. SANDOWN PARK: 2.35 Karayib, 5.15 Samsonesque. *UTTOXETER: 2.30 Mr Devious, 3.00 Ketford Bridge, 3.30 Early To* Rise, Wednesdays Auction. WETHERBY: 2.05 Bibby Bear, 4.20 Portavogie.

CARTMEL

THUNDERER

2.00 Judge And Jury. 2.35 Linden's Lotto. 3.10 Jefferby. 3.45 Another Red. 4.20 Green Trix. 4.55 Grandman.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (SOFT IN PLACES)

2.00 LAURENT-PERRIER CHAMPAGNE SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,514: 2m 1f 110yd) (12 runners)

1 1035 SCRABO VIEW 23 (B,G) P Beaumont 7-11-11 R Supple
2 0P02 KIRSTENBOSCH 65 (C,D,F,G) L Lungo 8-11-3 F Perratt (3)
3 2500 JUDGE AND JURY 16 (B,G,S) L Lungo 6-11-1 I Jardine (7)
4 1605 ICANSPELL 2 (B,D,G) W Storey 4-11-1 J Supple (3)
5 0450 COMMANCHE CREEK 14F (B,CD,F) J Hellens 5-10-8 A Larnach (3)
6 5034 CHARLIES DREAM 12 K Lotter 4-10-4 A Linton (7)
7 5PP0 EMERALD VENTURE 24 (V,F,G) T Caldwell 8-10-3 Pat Caldwell
8 0000 OWT ON 24 S Clark 8-10-0 Miss R Clark (7)
9 0050 LUCKY WEDSONG 11 W Smith 6-10-0 S Taylor (7)
10 0060 PETAL'S JARRED 9F (V) W Storey 5-10-0 R McGrath (7)
11 0-26 BIN LID 261 G Richards 5-10-0 B Harding (5)
12 00P0 BOETHIUS 11 F Walton 5-10-0 B Storey

7-2 Scrabo View, Bin Lid, 5-1 Kirstenbosch, Icanspell, 8-1 Judge And Jury, 10-1 Charlies Dream, Commanche Creek, 16-1 others.

2.35 VICTORIA TRADING (FRUIT IMPORTERS) LTD NOVICES CHASE (£2,749: 2m 1f 110yd) (4)

1 2201 LINDEN'S LOTTO 16 (F,G,S) J White 8-11-8 L Wyer
2 0 CHARLIE LOVE 16 W Storey 6-11-2 J Supple (3)
3 553F HIGHLAND POACHER 9 (V,S) D McCain 8-11-2 D McCain
4 3680 NOVA CHAMP 30 Mrs S Smith 7-11-2 R Wilkinson (7)

2-7 Linden's Lotto, 4-1 Highland Poacher, 10-1 Nova Champ, 25-1 Charlie Love.

3.10 STANLEY LEISURE HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,827: 3m 2f) (6)

1 1323 GREAT EASEBY 39 (S) W Storey 5-11-10 J Supple (3)
2 2321 DANCING DOVE 27 (F,G) G Richards 7-11-9 B Harding (5)
3 PF51 TEMPLE GARTH 12 (G,S) P Beaumont 6-11-7 B Grattan (7)
4 0561 JEFFERBY 2 (G) L Lungo 8-10-9 (4ex) F Perratt (3)
5 4642 RUSTINO 9 (G,S) W Cunningham 9-10-7 W Fry (5)
6 F6P3 GLANDALANE LADY 48 (CD,F,G) J J O'Neill 6-10-4 R McGrath (7)

7-4 Dancing Dove, 5-2 Temple Garth, 3-1 Great Easeby, 7-1 Jefferby, 8-1 Rustino, *Glandalane Lady*.

3.45 BURLINGTON SLATE HANDICAP CHASE (Amateurs: £3,100: 2m 5f 110yd) (4)

1 F644 PALMRUSH 12 (D,F,G) M Hammond 11-11-10 D Parker (3)
2 P132 ANOTHER RED 18 (BF,D,F,S) W Raw 7-11-2 D Raw (7)
3 5211 GLEN MIRAGE 31 (F,S) M Coombe 10-10-12 Miss M Coombe (7)
4 P800 DEADLINE 30 (B,G,S) S Chadwick 12-10-5 Miss J Thurlow (5)

6-5 Another Red, 5-4 Glen Mirage, 9-2 Palmrush, 14-1 Deadline.

4.20 MAURICE FARRER MEMORIAL NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,827: 3m 2f) (8)

1 6542 SO DISCREET 23 (B,F,S) J White 7-11-10 L Wyer
2 PP0P CROWN EYEGLASS 9 (CD,G,S) R Woodhouse 9-11-2 L O'Hara
3 53PP ASTON COURT 2 (V,S) B Ellison 10-10-13 B Harding (5)
4 D-44 ANOTHER NICK 16 (F) J Hubbuck 9-10-12 B Storey
5 P6FF COUP DE CATHERINE 199 W Barker 9-10-12 R Supple
6 1034 GREEN TRIX 12 (S) C Parker 7-10-9 Mr D Parker (3)
7 0/0- SARONA SMITH 30P (G) F Walton 8-10-4 J Burke
8 /P LITHGIE-BRIG 37P A Crow 12-10-0 P Waggott

5-2 So Discreet, 3-1 Green Trix, 7-2 Aston Court, 5-1 Crown Eyeglass, 8-1 Coup De Catherine, Sarona Smith, 10-1 others.

4.55 BURLINGTON SLATE JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (£2,626: 2m 1f 110yd) (4)

1 0865 BAYOU 2 D Robinson 11-0 M Robinson
2 CADEAUX PREMIERE 9F Denys Smith 11-0 L Wyer
3 5522 GRANDMAN 11 D Moffatt 11-0 D J Moffatt
4 00P6 MANJAL 23 T Caldwell 11-0 Pat Caldwell

8-13 Grandman, 4-1 Cadeaux Premiere, 7-1 Manjal, 8-1 Bayou.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: L Lungo, 4 winners from 7 runners, 57.1%; G Richards, 19 from 57, 33.3%; Denys Smith, 5 from 17, 29.4%; J White, 12 from 51, 23.5%; D Moffatt, 7 from 30, 23.3%. Only qualifiers.

JOCKEYS: B Storey, 3 winners from 11 rides, 27.3%; A Larnach, 3 from 12, 25.0%; D J Moffatt, 7 from 34, 20.6%. Only qualifiers.

WETHERBY

THUNDERER

2.05 Master Bracken. 2.40 Lie Detector. 3.15 Cutthroat Kid. 3.45 Brackenfield. 4.20 Sandybraes. 4.50 Majal.

Brian Beel: 4.20 Fiftysevenchannels.

GOING: GOOD

2.05 HOLIDAY NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£2,635: 2m) (7 runners)

1 -F01 JUNGLE RITES 28 (D,G,S) J Fitzgerald 7-11-7 M Dwyer
2 1133 MASTER BRACKEN 11 (BF,D,G) Mrs M Reveley 6-11-7 P Niven
3 1231 ISSYIN 28 (B,G,S) M W Easterby 8-11-0 R Garritty
4 05 NANCYS CHOICE 18 J Hope 5-11-0 A Thornton
5 00 RISE ABOVE IT 9 M W Easterby 5-11-0 J Driscoll
6 0-60 BIBBY BEAR 8 (V) G Kelly 6-10-9 Mr C Mulhall
7 00-0 SKI PATH 75 N Bycroft 6-10-9 D Towler (7)

7-4 Master Bracken, 2-1 Jungle Rites, 3-1 Issyin, 8-1 Rise Above It, 12-1 Ski Path, 20-1 Bibby Bear, Nancys Choice.

2.40 CATTERTON NOVICES CHASE (£3,376: 3m 110yd) (5)

1 2131 FORWARD GLEN 16 (B,CD,F) P Cheesbrough 8-12-0 A Thornton
2 3032 BULA NUDAY 12 (C,S) J Oliver 10-11-8 M Dwyer
3 3231 LIE DETECTOR 9 (D,F,G) D Sherwood 7-11-8 J Osborne
4 3213 MISCHIEVOUS GIRL 14 (F) R Tate 7-11-3 Mrs F Needham
5 BP32 SQUIRES TALE 19 (B,F,G) W Bethell 7-11-2 R Garritty

6-4 Lie Detector, 9-4 Forward Glen, 4-1 Bula Nuday, 5-1 Mischievous Girl, 7-1 Squires Tale.

3.15 BILBROUGH HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,209: 2m 4f 110yd) (4)

1 0P61 JEASSU 26 (CD,F,G,S) A J Wilson 12-12-0 J Osborne
2 34P5 COUTURE STOCKINGS 13 (CD,F,G,S) J Mackie 11-11-4 A Thornton
3 0-11 ALJADEER 19 (B,CD,F) M W Easterby 6-11-0 E Callaghan (7)
4 121 CUTTHROAT KID 24 (V,D,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 5-10-9 P Niven

5-4 Cutthroat Kid, 2-1 Aljadeer, 4-1 Jeassu, 5-1 Couture Stockings.

3.45 GODFREY LONG HANDICAP CHASE (£4,393: 3m 110yd) (5)

1 1252 BRACKENFIELD 16 (CD,BF,F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 9-12-0 P Niven
2 PP25 WHAAT FETTLE 4 (CD,F,G,S) G Richards 10-12-0 M Moloney
3 4521 STRONG SOUND 16 (C,D,F,G,S) P Cheesbrough 8-11-0 A Thornton
4 F642 WHATAGALE 10 (CD,F,G) O Sherwood 8-10-12 J Osborne
5 561P BLAZING DAWN 11 (F,G,S) V Thompson 8-10-0 Mr M Thompson

7-4 Brackenfield, 2-1 Strong Sound, 4-1 Whatagale, Whaat Fettle, 14-1 Blazing Dawn.

4.20 GUY CUNARD HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £2,010: 2m 4f 110yd) (8)

1 112U RYTON GUARD 9 (D,F,G) G Barlow 10-12-7 J G R Barlow (7)
2 31U2 SANDYBRAES 10 (F,G,S) D Nicholson 10-12-7 F Hutsby (7)
3 2242 FIFTYSEVENCHANNELS 19 (BF,S) T Walford 6-12-4 N Wilson (5)
4 4353 PORTAVOGIE 23P (V,D,F,G,S) Mrs J Brown 11-12-0 A Manners (7)
5 3U1U SIMPLY PERFECT 9 (G,S) J Swindells 9-12-0 Miss K Swindells (7)
6 P4C HAZEL CREST 22P (F) M Sowersby 8-11-9 M Sowersby (7)
7 12U2 RISKY DEE 2 (F,G) V Thompson 6-11-9 M Thompson (3)
8 -0P2 LULA PATTIE 21P (S) T Pounder 11-11-4 P Jenkins (7)

6-4 Sandybraes, 3-1 Fiftysevenchannels, 4-1 Ryton Guard, 8-1 Simply Perfect, 10-1 Portavogie, Risky Dee, 16-1 others.

4.50 HEADLEY HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,785: 2m) (4)

1 P103 MAJAL 19 (D,F,G) J Wainwright 6-11-12 P Midgley (3)
2 2F05 BUD'S BET 28 (D,F) W Haigh 7-10-5 E Callaghan (7)
3 5453 RICHMOND 23 (B) Mrs S Austin 7-10-0 D Wilkinson
4 -00P KNAYTON PROSPECT 58 (F) M W Easterby 7-10-0 J Callaghan

5-4 Majal, 7-4 Bud's Bet, 9-2 Richmond, 7-1 Knayton Prospect.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: D Nicholson, 14 winners from 39 runners, 35.9%; Mrs M Reveley, 40 from 151, 26.5%; J Fitzgerald, 24 from 119, 20.2%; G Richards, 25 from 125, 20.0%; M W Easterby, 15 from 92, 16.3%; P Cheesbrough, 10 from 71, 14.1%.

JOCKEYS: E Callaghan, 4 winners from 7 rides, 57.1%; P Niven, 42 from 186, 22.6%; M Moloney, 4 from 27, 14.8%; M Dwyer, 25 from 178, 14.0%.

FONTWELL PARK

THUNDERER

2.00 Pennine Pass. 2.30 Bures. 3.00 Doonloughan. 3.30 Any Minute Now. 4.00 Sheephaven. 4.30 Doualago.

Brian Beel: 3.00 Doonloughan.

GOING: FIRM

2.00 DUGIE MACK SELLING HANDICAP CHASE (£2,512: 2m 2f) (5 runners)

1 6/2- TROJAN CALL 587 (G) R Rowe 8-12-0 D O'Sullivan
2 45-3 FLYING ZIAD 21 (F,G) H Manners 12-11-11 Mr G Brown
3 1143 WAYWARD WIND 215 (F,G) J White 11-11-10 B Clifford
4 54U6 ACHILTIBUIE 147 (F) F Yardley 11-10-12 W McFarland
5 5UP2 PENNINE PASS 9 (B) D Williams 6-10-8 A P McCoy

5-4 Pennine Pass, 3-1 Trojan Call, 7-2 Wayward Wind, 8-1 Achiltibuie, Flying Ziad.

2.30 CHRIS AND NICKY BREAKFAST SHOW JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (£2,167: 2m 2f) (6)

1 2011 BURES 21 (V,CD,F) M Tompkins 11-12 P Maher (7)
2 0061 SYMBOL OF SUCCESS 13 (V,F) D Williams 11-6 A P McCoy
3 PU ASK HARRY 16 R Alner 11-0 W McFarland
4 SHIKAREE 315F M Pipe 11-0 J Lower
5 220 SWEDISH INVADER 163 J White 11-0 B Clifford
6 048F LIFE DANCING 12 N Gaselee 10-9 M Perrett

7-4 Shikaree, 2-1 Bures, 4-1 Symbol Of Success, 6-1 Swedish Invader, 8-1 Life Dancing, 20-1 Ask Harry.

3.00 DANNY PIKE HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £1,604: 3m 2f 110yd) (6)

1 2441 DOONLOUGHAN 11 (CD,F,G) G Balding 10-12-7 Miss S Vickery (7)
2 P2PP SKERRY MEADOW 7 (D,F,G) D Carter 11-12-0 G Brown (7)
3 -1BR BRIGHTLING BOY 18P (B,F,G,S) Mrs D Grissell 10-11-7 P Hacking (3)
4 P3R2 KILSHEELAN LAD 8P (B,F,G) K Tork 12-11-7 G Wheeler (7)
5 8260 SAINT BENE'T 8 (F) G Prodromou 7-11-7 A Coe (7)
6 P313 STAR ACTOR 29P (F) Mrs D McCarthy 9-11-7 T McCarthy (7)

8-11 Doonloughan, 4-1 Kilsheelan Lad, 10-1 Brightling Boy, Skerry Meadow, Saint Bene't, Star Actor.

3.30 TED TRIGGS MEMORIAL CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,206: 2m 2f) (6)

1 6- DUPAD 194F Miss L Bower 5-12-0 R Arnold (7)
2 2255 BONDAID 17 (F,G) J White 11-11-10 D Bohan (7)
3 5623 WILL JAMES 17 (B,BF,F,G) C Drewe 9-11-6 A P McCoy
4 5600 RULING DYNASTY 210 (B,CD,F,G,S) M Usher 11-11-5 W McFarland
5 5530 ANY MINUTE NOW 27 J Akehurst 5-11-1 J A McCarthy
6 -P5P WISBOROUGH GREEN 210 R Rowe 5-10-0 E Murphy

6-4 Any Minute Now, 2-1 Will James, 3-1 Bondaid, 10-1 Ruling Dynasty, 16-1 Wisborough Green, 40-1 Dupad.

4.00 THORNFIELD SECURITIES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,950: 3m 2f 110yd) (6)

1 2PP3 TAMMY'S FRIEND 23 (B,CD,F,S) C Mann 8-12-0 I Lawrence
2 00P6 ABBOTSHAM 7 (D,F,G,S) D Carter 10-11-2 A P McCoy
3 1132 SHEEPHAVEN 14 (B,BF,CD,F,G,S) T Casey 11-10-13 E Murphy
4 186P VICAR OF BRAY 23 (V,D,F,G) G Balding 8-10-0 B Clifford
5 4343 LORD FAWSLEY 23 (F,S) R Phillips 10-10-0 J A McCarthy
6 5334 JOKER JACK 12 (F,S) R Dean 10-10-0 M Perrett

7-4 Tammy's Friend, 2-1 Sheephaven, 5-1 Vicar Of Bray, 8-1 Lord Fawsley, 10-1 Abbotsham, Joker Jack.

4.30 SOUTHERN FM NEWS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,031: 2m 6f) (6)

1 3211 KARAR 12 (CD,F,G,S) R Rowe 5-12-0 L Aspell (7)
2 1411 DOUALAGO 12 (B,D,F,G,S) M Pipe 5-11-8 J Lower
3 0U1P PUNCH'S HOTEL 20 (B,BF,C,F,S) R Rowe 10-11-2 D O'Sullivan
4 3042 ARAMON 9 M Haynes 5-10-4 D Skyrme
5 F452 ACCESS SUN 20 (F,S) J King 8-10-1 A P McCoy
6 3304 TEL E THON 42 (V,F,G) Miss C Caroe 8-10-0 I Lawrence

6-4 Karar, 3-1 Doualago, 7-2 Aramon, 8-1 Access Sun, 10-1 Punch's Hotel, Tel E Thon.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: R Phillips, 4 winners from 8 runners, 50.0%; R Alner, 10 from 27, 37.0%; M Pipe, 25 from 78, 32.1%; J White, 15 from 71, 21.1%; M Usher, 4 from 20, 20.0%; M Haynes, 3 from 16, 18.8%.

JOCKEYS: J A McCarthy, 3 winners from 15 rides, 20.0%; M Perrett, 16 from 87, 18.4%; E Murphy, 8 from 47, 17.0%; D Skyrme, 4 from 29, 13.8%; A P McCoy, 3 from 25, 12.0%; W McFarland, 5 from 44, 11.4%.

FOR THE RECORD



Marcus Stewart, of Bristol Rovers, right, and Huddersfield's Tom Cowan battle for possession in the Endsleigh Insurance League second division play-off final at Wembley yesterday. Stewart scored for Bristol Rovers but his team lost 2-1. Photograph: Hugh Routledge

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

WORLD LEAGUE: Scottish Claymores 13 Barcelona 16

ATHLETICS

BEDFORD: UK Inter-counties championship: Men: 100m: O Dako (G Manchester) 10.54sec. 400m: D Nolan (Yorkshire) 47.74sec. 10,000m: B Foster (Yorkshire) 30min 1.88sec. 110m hurdles: K Campbell (Scotland East District) 14.20sec. 3,000m steeplechase: K Warren (Staffs) 9min 1.18sec. Pole vault: N Winter (Avon) 5.42m. Triple jump: O Akinsanya (Cambs) 15.72m. Discus: K Brown (Warwicks) 55.88m. Javelin: N Bevan (Suffolk) 73.50m. Women: 200m: M Neef (Scotland West Dist) 24.14sec. 800m: H Daniel (Kent) 2min 12.44sec. 5,000m: S McGeorge (Sussex) 16min 17.32sec. 100m hurdles: A Thorp (Yorkshire) 13.62sec. High jump: D Davies (Leics) 1.80m. Triple jump: E Finlen (Surrey) 12.11m. Shot put: D Callaway (Essex) 14.22m. Javelin: L Jackson (Scotland East Dist) 52.08m. Hammer: L Sprules (Middx) 52.86m.

PORTSMOUTH: BUPA International road races: Men: Mile: 1, B Zorko (Cro) 4min 3sec; 2, G Chirchir (Ken) 4.04; 3, M Barnes (Enfield) 4.04. 5,000m: 1, R Denmark (Basildon) 13.39; 2, P Tergat (Ken) 13.40; 3, J Nuttall (Preston) 13.48. Women: 5,000m: 1, D Tulu (Eth) 15.38; 2, Y Murray (Motherwell) 15.39; 3, G Wami (Eth) 15.48.

AUSTRALIAN RULES

NINTH ROUND: Melbourne 12.13 (85) bt Collingwood 7.16 (58); Richmond 17.14 (116) bt Sydney Swans 14.6 (90); Fremantle 17.18 (120) bt Brisbane 8.6 (54); Essendon 15.11 (101) bt Footscray 9.13 (67); St Kilda 11.14 (80) bt Carlton 3.6 (24); West Coast Eagles 12.10 (82) bt Fitzroy 8.6 (54); Adelaide 9.6 (60) bt Hawthorn 7.16 (58); Geelong 20.20 (140) bt North Melbourne 12.7 (79).

BADMINTON

LAUSANNE: World championships: Men: Semi-finals: H Arbi (Indo) bt P E Hoyer-Larsen (Den) 15-10, 15-7; P Sung-woo (S Kor) bt T Stuer-Lauridsen (Den) 6-15, 15-6 ret. Final: Arbi bt Sung-Woo (S Kor) 15-11, 15-8. Women: Final: Y Zhaoying (China) bt H Jingna (China) 11-7, 11-0.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Chicago White Sox 1 Detroit 0; Toronto 3 Cleveland 0; Oakland 3 New York Yankees 0; Texas 3 Minnesota 1; Boston 12 California 1; Baltimore 11 Seattle 4. Postponed: Milwaukee v Kansas City.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Montreal 2 Los Angeles 1; New York Mets 6 San Francisco 3; Chicago Cubs 3 Florida 1; Philadelphia 5 San Diego 4 (10); Pittsburgh 9 Colorado 4; Houston 3 Atlanta 2 (10); Cincinnati 5 St Louis 2.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA) Play-offs: Eastern Conference, finals: Orlando 119 Indiana 114; Indiana 105 Orlando 100 (Orlando lead best-of-seven series 2-1)

BIRMINGHAM: European Championship qualifying tournament: England 84 Georgia 74; Wales 73 Luxembourg 76; Denmark 64 Poland 75; England 88 Denmark 70; Poland 122 Luxembourg 76; Georgia 101 Wales 73; England 71 Poland 88; Georgia 81 Luxembourg 64; Denmark 105 Wales 57.

BOXING

KING'S HALL, Belfast: Professional event: World Boxing Organisation welterweight championship: Eamonn Loughran (Ballymena, holder) v Angel Beltre (Dominican Republic) no contest. Super-middleweight: Chris Eubank (Brighton) bt Bruno Godoy (Argentina) rsc 1st. Heavy: Roger McKenzie (Croydon) bt Darren Corbett (Belfast) pts. Cruiser: Ray Kane (Belfast) bt Bobbi Joe Edwards (Manchester) pts. Light: Paul Burke (Preston) bt Patrick Gallagher (Islington) pts. Welter: Andy Jervis (Liverpool) bt Neil Sinclair (Belfast) rsc 3rd.

DORTMUND: International Boxing Federation light-heavyweight world championship: Henry Maske (Ger, holder) bt G Rocchigiani (Ger) pts.

CRICKET

YORKSHIRE ELECTRICITY HUDDERSFIELD CENTRAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Denby 103-7 Hoylandswaine 107-3; Dodworth 185-6 Upper Hopton 85; Thurstonland 186-7 Denby Dale 138; Clayton West 190-4 Old Almondburians 194-6.

VAUX RIBBLESDALE LEAGUE: Blackburn N 159-9 Earby 21-2; Clitheroe 45-2 Read 141; Edenfield 173-2 Ribblesdale W 170; Osw Immanuel 99 Baxenden 138-5; Great Harwood 189-9 Padiham 124-4; Settle 124 Barnoldswick 22-4; Whalley 123 Cherry Tree 124-0.

LEES BREWERY LANCASHIRE COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Dukinfield 131-6 Denton West 133-3; Longsight 62-1 Irlam 139; Prestwich 132-5 Denton 224-9; Thornham 244-7 Denton St Lawrence 108-6; Woodhouses 186-9 Woodbank 69-8.

WINDSOR LIFE CHESHIRE COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Cheadle Hulme 111 Bowdon 112-0; Didsbury 128 Poynton 132-4; Heaton Mersey 228-7dec Grappenhall 68-1; Alsager 260 Macclesfield 198-4; Warrington 161-8dec Timperley 22-1; Widnes 177-5dec Toft 107-7.

OXBRIDGE YORKSHIRE LEAGUE: Cleethorpes 236-6 Appleby Frod 137-9; Castleford 146 Doncaster 103; Barnsley 152-6 Driffield 153-0; Hull 71 Harrogate 72-6; Sheff Coll 267-4 Sheff Utd 174-8; Scarborough 211-6 York 129; No play: Yorks Academy v Rotherham.

BRYAN HERTFORDSHIRE LEAGUE: Premier division: Letchworth 267-9 Hoddesdon 253; Langleybury 225-6 Luton Town 166-6; West Herts 226-8 North Mymms 183-8; Berkhamsted 257-4 Hitchin 152; Welwyn Garden City 223-8 Radlett 177-6; Hertford 215-8 Bishop's Stortford 218-6; Sawbridgeworth 200-9 Watford Town 203-7; Hemel Hempstead 194 Cheshunt 195-5; Stevenage 175 St Albans 128-8; Cockfosters 187-5 Barnet 151-9.

NORTH WALES AND CHESHIRE COMPETITION: Caldy 149-7 Northop Hall 35-3; Buckley 106-9 Mold 81; Prestatyn 202-7 St Asaph 150-5; Colwyn Bay 187-3 Wrexham 17-2.

OXBRIDGE MIDLAND COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Droitwich 188-9 Aldridge 22-1; Streetly 187 Highway 137-4; Walmley 150 Sheldon Marlborough 69-3.

LIVERPOOL 7 DISTRICT COMPETITION: Bootle 160-3dec Birkenhead Park 145; Formby 174-9dec Neston 154-5; Huyton 87 St Helens 91-2; Liverpool 187 New Brighton 46-0; Northern 226-5dec Chester BH 74-0; Hightown 185-5dec Ormskirk 178-8; Oxton 222-6dec Sefton 200-9; Wallasey 113 Southport 114-6.

BASS NORTH WALES LEAGUE: First division: Llandudno 88-4 Connahs Quay 242-2; Gresford 141-9 Llay 37; Marchwiel 199-5 v Halkyn; Pontblyddyn 151-8 v Mochdre; Bangor 98 Shotton 99-7. No play: Bethesda v Brymbo.

APS TWO COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Halstead 186-4 Clacton 187-2; Dunmow 166-9 Abberton 168-7; Harwich and D 109-9 Braintree 110-2; Maldon 251-4 Mildenhall 204-5; Achilles 252 Sudbury 234.

VIMTO BOLTON AND DISTRICT LEAGUE: Blackrod 138-7dec Daisy Hill 30-4; Darcy Lever 197-9dec Atherton 146-6; Elton 140 British Aerospace 124-2; Astley and Tyldesley 128-8dec Golborne 100-7; Little Hulton 112 Clifton 113-7; Standish 94 Edgworth 98-4; Adlington 129 Walshaw 47-4.

MORRANT THAMES VALLEY LEAGUE: First division: Beaconsfield 146-8 Ickenham 132; Tring Park 230-8 Boyne Hill 176-5; High Wycombe 205-9 Eastcote 207-4; Finchampstead 256-5 Slough 182; Chesham 224-8 Harefield 228-0; Basingstoke 207 Harrow 158-9; Hayes 223 Hounslow 98; Kidmore End 125 Bessborough 127-3; Maidenhead and B 143-9 OMT 144-1; Reading 223-4 Wokingham 224-5.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: Lichfield 107 Leicester Ivanhoe 108-7; Lutterworth 129-8 Loughborough 97-6; Market Harborough 218-8 Hinckley 82-6; Water Orton 231-6 Blossomfield 97.

GREENE KING SOUTH THAMES LEAGUE: Catford Cyphers 130 Bexley Park 132-2; Frindsbury 233-7 Cuaco 183-9; Old Dunstonians 122 Linden Park 123-5; NatWest Bank 156 Lloyds Bank 157-3; RACS 173-8 Catford Wanderers 172; Blackheath Wanderers 193-7 Sidcup 194-6; Orpington 209-9 Sydenham 155.

FORT STERLING BOLTON LEAGUE: Eagley 96 Bradshaw 97-7; Farnworth 153 Little Lever 48-3; Farnworth SC 167-5dec Egerton 87-2; Greenmount 160-8dec Kearsley 162-3; Heaton 152 Astley Bridge 155-5; Westhoughton 137 Tonge 54-8; Walkden 200-3dec Horwich 201-9.

EVE SURREY CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Ashford 204 Esher 125; Wimbledon 226-4 Bank of England 214; Cheam 242-3 Banstead 142; Spencer 199-9 Dulwich 88; Farnham 166 Guildford 167-1; Metropolitan Police 261-4dec Honor Oak 253-8; Sunbury 182-9dec Limpsfield 158; Malden Wanderers 216 Sutton 217-2; Weybridge 197 Mitcham 201-5; Old Whitgiftians 206-8dec Walton-on-Thames 204-7.

COLOUR ASSEMBLY ESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Brentwood 221-6dec Orsett and T 198-7; Loughton 125 Clayhall 94-9; Westcliff 251-7dec Fives Heron 203-8; Hadleigh and T 243-3dec Ilford 153; Gidea Park 225-5dec Hutton 55; Woodford W 230-8dec Leigh-on-Sea 188-9; Southend 225-8dec Old Brentwood 200-7; Saffron Walden 236-3dec Colchester 175-8; Chelmsford 175-9dec S Woodford 111; Chingford 219-7dec Wanstead 221-4.

VAUX NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Darwen 221-8 Leyland 27-0; Leyland Daf 104-9 Netherfield 31-0; Chorley 192-4 Preston 45-3; Abandoned: Fleetwood v Morecambe, Lancaster v Kendal, St Anne's v Blackpool.

WILLIAM YOUNGER NORTH LANCASHIRE LEAGUE: Carlisle 193-3 Furness 58-3; Workington 85 Dalton 11-3. Abandoned: Barrow v Askam, Cleator v Whitehaven, Lindal v Vickers Sports, Millom v Penrith, Ulverston v Haverigg, Vickerstown v Carnforth.

WOOLWICH KENT LEAGUE: Beckenham 237-8 Midland Bank 239-5; Blackheath 248-3 Ashford 178-6; Folkestone 192-8 Bromley 195-7, Holmesdale 168-7 Gore Court 169-1 Holmesdale 168-7. Gravesend 241-7 The Mote 242-4. Hayes 200-7 Bexley 204-4; Sevenoaks Vine 195-9 Dartford 108.

SOUTHDOWN MIDDLESEX COUNTY LEAGUE: Brondesbury 278-2dec Brentham 279-6; Stanmore 238-5dec Enfield 135; Hampstead 164-7dec Finchley 165-4; Sth Hampstead 245-4dec Nth Middlesex 117; Richmond 163 Teddington 164-7; Uxbridge 185 Southgate 186-9; Wembley 212-4dec Shepherds Bush 194-7; Ealing 218-3dec Winchmore Hill 149.

BRITISH GAS SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Bournemouth 144 Gosport Borough 147-5; Hambledon 152-8 United Services 153-4; Havant 203-5 Calmore Sports 143; New Milton 156-8 Hungerford 157-5; Longparish 169 Hursley Park 171-9; Liphook and Ripsley 206-7 Bashley 168-7; Lymington 219-6 South Wilts 163; Old Tauntonians 140-9 Winchester KS 141-6; Portsmouth 173-9 Petersfield 175-0.

CYCLING

GIRO D'ITALIA: Stage 15 (Val Senales to Lenzerheide Valbella, 185km): 1, M Piccoli (It, Brescialat) 4hr 42min 9sec; 2, G Guerini (It, Navigare) at same time; 3, F Frattini (It, Gewiss Ballan) 1min 23sec behind; 4, F Simon (Fr, Castorama) 2:08. Leading standings: 1, T Rominger (Switz, Mapei GB) 67hr 18min 6sec; 2, P Ugrumov (Lat, Gewiss Ballan) 3:14 behind; 3, E Berzin (Russ, Gewiss Ballan) 3:29; 4, C Chiappucci (It, Carrera) 5:25; 5, O Rincon (Col, ONCE) 6:13.

TIME-TRIALS: Hounslow and Dist Wheelers (100 miles): 1, P Holdsworth (Hounslow and Dist Wh) 3hr 58min 48sec. Team: Hounslow and Dist Wh 12:42:18. CC Breckland (Norfolk, 50 miles): 1, G Mason (Mildenhall CC) 1:53:02. Team: CC Breckland 6:26:38. Northumberland and Durham CA (50 miles): 1, P Wildsmith (Barnesbury CC) 1:55:02. Team: Tyneside Vagabonds 2:17:27. Notts Castle BC (50 miles): 1, C Stanforth (Jamor RT) 1:55:39. Team: Beeston RC 6:20:27. New Forest CC (36 miles): 1, G Pickford (Antelope RT) 1:25:15. Team: Worthing Excelsior 4:44:32. Polytechnic CC (Marlow, 25 miles): 1, T Stevens (Team 2000) 53:21. Team: Clarence Wheelers 2:58:18. Erskine CC (25 miles): 1, G McFarland (Erskine CC) 54:17. Team: GS Modena 2:54:03. Welsh CA championship (Raglan, 25 miles): 1, C Pritchard (Olympia Sport) 54:29. Team: Olympia Sport 2:50:02. Bath CC (25 miles): 1, R Pears (Bath CC) 57:08. Team: Bath CC 3:03:02. Team Spirit (Buxton, hilly 22 miles): 1, S Keeton (Rutland CC) 56:19. Team: Rutland CC 3:12:09. Central Lancs RC (18.8 miles): 1, G Butler (Norwood Paragon) 42:16. Camel Valley CC (Cornwall, 10 miles): 1, I Cooke (Featherstone RC) 22.06. Team: Penzance Wheelers 1.09:58.

ROAD RACES: Ulverston Classic (Cumbria, 49 miles): 1, M Lawrence (Rockingham Forest Wheelers) 2:20:00. VC Bedford (Keysoe, 88 miles): 1, A Lyons (Wembley RC) 3:35:38.

MOUNTAIN BIKES: Karrimor Series (second round, North Yorks, 26 miles): 1, A Timmis (Team Orange) 1:55:56.

EQUESTRIANISM

WINDSOR: International three-day event: Final positions: 1, Designer Tramp (P Funnell) 43.4pts; 2, Newfol (D Segurel, Fr) 52.6; 3, Cooley Kontiki (P Surl) 54.0. National Section: 1, I'm A Believer (P Gowers) 55.40; 2, Right On Top (T Boon) 63.20; 3, Bee Ivor (R Hill) 66.20. British Junior Championship: 1, Shaaboo (L Wiegersma) 52.60.

FENCING

POITIER: Épée World Cup: 1, K Kulcsar (Hun); 2, A Beketov (Russ); equal 3, M Tichko (Ukr) and C Faucher (Fr). British positions: 50, G Liston; 93, C Howser; 97, C Berriman.

GOLF

FORT WORTH: Colonial National Invitational tournament: Third-round scores (US unless stated): 201: C Parry (Aus) 66, 65, 70. 202: W Austin 67, 69, 66. 203: T Lehman 67, 68, 68. 204: M Hulbert 66, 70, 68. 205: M Calcavecchia 70, 67, 68. 206: B Mayfair 68, 71, 67. 207: D A Weibring 66, 72, 69; R Mediate 69, 68, 70; T Watson 68, 69, 70; S Verplank 69, 68, 70; L Clements 64, 69, 74. 208: M McCumber 67, 73, 68; J Leonard 68, 72, 68; B Andrade 65, 71, 72; J Maggert 66, 68, 74. 209: L Wadkins 69, 73, 67; R Freeman 72, 69, 68; P Jacobsen 69, 71, 69; R Tway 70, 69, 70; T Kite 70, 68, 71; C Strange 66, 72, 71. Other selected scores: 211: D Frost (SA) 69, 72, 70; B Ogle (Aus) 67, 72, 72. 212: N Price (Zim) 73, 69, 70. 213: S Elkington (Aus) 68, 68, 77. 215: N Ozaki (Japan) 68, 74, 73.

ST ANDREWS: Links Trophy: Second-round scores: 135: G Rankin (Palacerigg) 67, 68. 137: G Sherry (Kilmarnock Barassie) 68, 69. 141: R Beames (Wick) 73, 68; G Houston (Flint) 72, 69. 142: S Hurd (Horsforth) 71, 71; C Watson (E Renfrewshire) 71, 71; D Paton (Dunnikier Pk) 71, 71; L Kelly (Cowal) 70, 72. 143: D Park (Burghhill V) 72, 71. 144: D Howell (Broome M) 74, 70; G Hay (Panmure) 72, 72; A Forsyth (Ralston) 70, 74; M Smith (Ross-on-Wye) 72, 72; S Webster (Atherstone) 74, 70. 145: R Bland (Bramshott Hill) 72, 73; D Watson (E Sussex Nat) 75, 70; M Brown (NZ) 76, 69; D Lynn (Trentham) 73, 72; W Bladon (Kenilworth) 73, 72; M Treleaven (Hayling) 76, 69.

IPSWICH: English women's amateur championship: Final: J Hall (Felixstowe F) bt E Ratcliffe (Stirling Univ) 2 and 1.

CORNING: Women's tournament: Third round scores (US unless stated): 203: A Nicholas (GB) 70, 67, 66. 205: P Bradley 67, 68, 70. 208: E Danal 70, 71, 67; B Mucha 71, 69, 68; R Jones 72, 66, 70. 209: A Ritzman 75, 67, 67; D Ammaccapane 72, 67, 70. 210: M Mallon 74, 70, 66; R Heiken 70, 71, 69; T Green 71, 69, 70. 214: C Matthew (GB) 70, 75, 69. 215: S Strudwick (GB) 69, 74, 72; C Pierce (GB) 71, 69, 75. 216: S Maynor (GB) 72, 70, 74. 218: D Coe-Jones (Can) 75, 70, 73; P Wright (GB) 72, 73, 73. 219: H Dobson (GB) 73, 73, 73.

HOCKEY

MEN: Canterbury: HA Cup Final: Guildford 1 Teddington 4. Veterans Cup: Final: Bowden 2 Basingstoke 0. Veterans Trophy: Final: Harrogate 1 Lamas 2. HA Trophy: Final: Bowden 1 Shrewsbury 3.

MADRID: Women's international: Spain 1 England 1

LISBURN: Three-nation tournament: Scotland 2 Australia 3, Ireland 0 Australia 4; Ireland 0 Scotland 2. Final standings: 1, Australia 6pts, 2, Scotland 4, 3, Ireland 0.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Play-offs: Western Conference, semi-finals: Chicago 4 Vancouver 3 (OT) (Chicago win best-of-seven series 4-0), Detroit 6 San Jose 2 (Detroit win 4-0)

LACROSSE

NEW JERSEY: Women's international: United States 11 Wales 3 (H Talbot, A Cox, M McKnight)

MOTORCYCLING

DONINGTON PARK: World superbike championship: Third round: Race one (26 laps, 62.5 miles): 1, C Fogarty (GB, Ducati) 41min 40.53sec; 2, T Corser (Aus, Ducati) 41.53.00; 3, J Whitham (GB, Ducati) 41.53.11. Race two (26 laps, 62.5 miles): 1, Fogarty 41.47.90; 2, P-F Chili (It, Ducati) 41.58.70; 2, Slight 41.59.50. Championship standings: 1, Fogarty 140pts; 2, M Lucchiari (It, Ducati) 72; 3, Corser 66.

RUGBY LEAGUE

WINFIELD CUP: Premiership: Penrith 48 Gold Coast 24; W Suburbs 34 Sth Sydney 20; Parramatta 22, Sydney B 16. Standings: 1, Manly 20pts; 2, Newcastle 18; 3, Canberra Raiders 18; 4, Brisbane Broncos 18; 5, Western Suburbs 14.

BNFL NATIONAL CUP: Final: West Hull 8 Woolston 7. Under-18 National play-off. Final: Blackbrook 6 East Leeds 9.

RUGBY UNION

Tour match

Queensland 20 England A 15

Queensland: Tries: Kahl, Murray. Cons: Kahl, Mandrusiak. Pens: Kahl, Mandrusiak. England A: Pens: Pears 4. Dropped goal: Pears

(in Brisbane)

SHINTY

STRATHDEARN CUP FINAL: Kingussie 3 Beauly 0. London Camanachd Shield: Final: Kinmallie 2 Oban Celtic 0. Valerie Fraser Cup, semi-final: Lochcarron 3 Inverness 2. MacLaren Cup, semi-final: Lochside Rovers 3 Kyles Ath 2. McBean Cup: Final: Oban High School 1 Kingussie High School 3

SHOOTING

BISLEY: English Association meeting: Queen's I: 1, J Pugsley (Devon) 105.19; 2, J Howard Davies (Welsh) 105.17; 3, P Kent (Surrey) 104.15. Queen's II: 1, S Penrose (Essex) 149.25; 2, D Crispin (Surrey) 149.20; 3, J Underwood (Surrey) 148.21.

GUERNSEY: NRA Channel Islands Tour: Individual: (300 and 600yds): 1, C Weeden (North London RC) 99.10. Top Guernsey scorer: D Jory 96.11. Teams of eight (Queen's II): 1, NRA 1,141.125 (A Tompson 146.22). Reserve pairs: 1, NRA (C Johnston and A Daw) 279.32; 2, Guernsey 269.15. Guernsey Can (500 and 600 yds) 1 Donaldson (Guernsey) 98.15

SNOOKER

PEKING: China Open: Final: D Henry (Scot) bt M Williams (Wales) 6-5

SWIMMING

CARDIFF: British Grand Prix Super final: Winners: Men: Freestyle: 50m: M Carl (Redbridge) 24.00sec. 1,500m: I Wilson (Leeds) 15min 54.61sec. Breaststroke: 100m: P McGinty (Cardiff) 1.05.60. Backstroke: 50m: N Woolley (Barnet C) 26.81. Butterfly: 100m: M Watkins (Torfaen) 56.54. Medley: 400m: D Warren (Leeds) 4.33.03. Women: Freestyle: 200m: A Bennett (Nova Cent) 2.04.67. Breaststroke: 50m: J King (Tigersharks) 34.15. Backstroke: 100m: K Osher (Ealing) 1.04.88. Butterfly: 200m: A Bennett (Nova Cent) 2.17.73. Medley: 200m: S Rolph (Newcastle) 2.20.35

TENNIS

CRAIGLOCKHART: Women's world doubles Cup: Final: M McGrath (US) and L Neiland (Lat) bt M Bollegraf (Holl) and R Stubbs (Aus) 6-2, 7-6.

BOLOGNA: ATP tournament: Semi-finals: M Filippini (Uru) bt J Sánchez (Sp) 7-6, 2-6, 6-4; M Rios (Chile) bt M Philippoussis (Aus) 6-4, 7-6. Final: Rios bt Filippini 6-2, 6-4.

DUSSELDORF: World team cup: Blue group: Sweden 2 Germany 1 (Sweden names first): S Edberg bt K Braasch 7-5, 6-3; M Larsson lost to M Stich 5-7, 6-7. J Apell and J Bjorkman bt Braasch and P Kuhnen 6-0, 6-2. Australia 3 United States 0 (Australia names first): J Stoltenberg bt T Martin 6-4, 6-3; P Rafter bt M Washington 6-2, 6-4. T Woodbridge and M Woodforde bt J Palmer and R Reneberg 6-3, 7-6. Final: Sweden 2 Croatia 1 (Sweden names first) Edberg bt S Hirszon 6-1, 6-4. Larsson lost to G Ivanisevic 4-6, 4-6; Edberg and Bjorkman bt Ivanisevic and Hirszon 4-6, 6-3, 6-3.

STRASBOURG: Women's tournament: Final: L Davenport (US) bt K Date (Japan) 3-6, 6-1, 6-2.

NATIONAL CLUB LEAGUE: Men: Premier division A: Banbury WE 6 Holcombe B 0; David Lloyd Bushey 3 Castle F 3 (David Lloyd Bushey win 65-64 on games); Newlands 3 W Bridgford 3 (Newlands win 63-57 on games). Premier division B: David Lloyds Raynes Pk 6 David Lloyd Finchley 0. R Berks 2 Winchester 4. Clearview 2 David Lloyd Heston 4. Women: Premier division A: Gosling 6 Newlands 0; Holcombe B 5 Huddersfield 1; Edgbaston P 5 Bramhall Pk 0. Premier division B: Winchester 6 Millfield 0, Cavendish 1 Clearview 5, Globe 2 Queen's Club 4

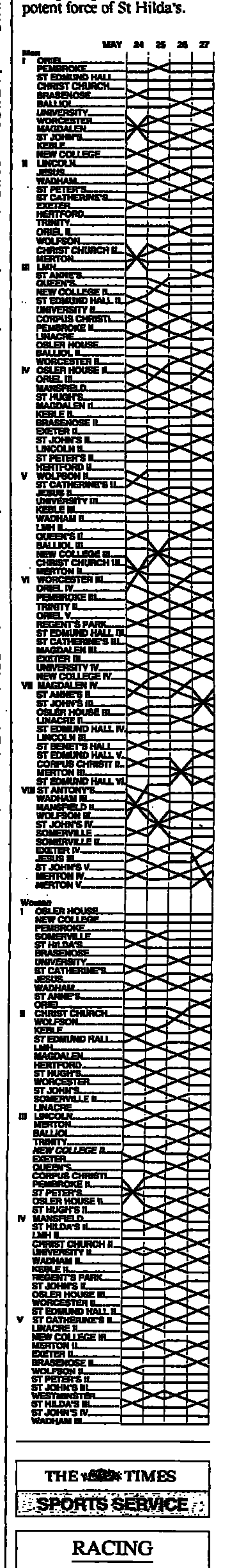
Pembroke ploy holds off Oriel

PEMBROKE regained the Oxford University Head of the River title on Saturday, which the college last earned in 1872.

Now, unless grey areas in the race rules are rapidly cleared up, Pembroke's solicitors have established that the way is open to pack college eights with elite performers in the quest for a place on the winners' list.

Oriel backtracked on a declared earlier intention to do so and settled for an unimpressive crew that passed the boathouses two lengths behind the leaders.

With characteristic maturity, Osler House retained the women's headship and New College again resisted the potent force of St Hilda's.



FOOTBALL

Yesterday

Endsleigh Insurance League

Second division play-off final

BRISTOL R (1) 1 HUDDERSFIELD (1) 2
Stewart 45 — Booth 45, Billy 81
59,175
(at Wembley)

Saturday

Third division play-off final

BURY (0) 0 CHESTRFLD (2) 2
22,814 — Robinson 23, 41
(at Wembley)

Tennents Scottish Cup

Final

AIRDRIE (0) 0 CELTIC (1) 1
36,915 — Van Hooijdonk 9
(at Hampden Park)

KIRIN CUP: Japan 3 Ecuador 0 (in Tokyo)

TOUR MATCHES: Western Australia 2 Nottingham Forest 1 (in Perth); Australian Olympic XI 4 West Ham United 0 (in Brisbane).

FRENCH LEAGUE: Bordeaux 3 Paris Saint-Germain 0; Le Havre 0 Lille 1; Lens 2 Caen 0; Martigues 2 Lyons 0; AS Monaco 2 Bastia 1; Montpellier 0 Rennes 1. Nantes 2 Cannes 1; Sochaux 0 Auxerre 1; St Etienne 3 Nice 3; Strasbourg 1 Metz 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Nantes	37	21	15	1	70	33	78
Lyon	37	19	11	7	55	37	68
Paris S-G	37	20	6	11	56	39	66
Auxerre	37	14	17	6	58	34	59
Lens	37	15	14	8	47	41	59
Monaco	37	15	12	10	60	37	57
Bordeaux	37	15	9	13	50	47	54
Cannes	37	15	8	14	53	42	53
Metz	37	15	8	14	48	44	53
Strasbourg	37	13	12	12	43	42	51
Le Havre	37	12	12	13	44	47	48
Martigues	37	12	12	13	35	48	48
Rennes	37	12	11	14	51	53	47
Lille	37	12	9	16	26	43	45
Nice	37	11	10	16	39	50	43
Montpellier	37	9	14	14	37	51	41
Bastia	37	10	11	16	38	53	41
St Etienne	37	9	10	18	43	53	37
Caen	37	9	6	22	35	57	33
Sochaux	37	6	5	26	28	65	23

ITALIAN LEAGUE: Brescia 1 Cremonese 2; Cagliari 0 Napoli 1, Foggia 0 Lazio 1; AC Milan 0 Bari 1, Padova 1 Genoa 1, AC Parma 3 Fiorentina 0; AS Roma 3 Juventus 0; Sampdoria 2 Inter Milan 2, Torino 4 Reggiana 0

SPANISH LEAGUE: Real Oviedo 1 Albacete 3, Deportivo La Coruña 2 Real Betis 0; Barcelona 1 Real Madrid 0

GERMAN LEAGUE: SC Karlsruhe 3 Dynamo Dresden 3; Bayer Leverkusen 2 Bayern Munich 0; Eintracht Frankfurt 4 MSV Duisburg 1, VfB Stuttgart 1 SC Freiburg 0, Bayer Uerdingen 2 VfL Bochum 1, Schalke 04 4 Werder Bremen 2.

BELGIAN CUP: Final: Club Brugge 3 Ekeren 1 (in Brussels)

DUTCH LEAGUE: Saturday: SC Heerenveen 1 Willem II Tilburg 0; Vitesse Arnhem 1 RKC Waalwijk 1. Yesterday: Ajax 3 Twente Enschede 1; Roda JC Kerkrade 5 Feyenoord 0, Dordrecht '90 5 Volendam 1; Sparta Rotterdam 2 MVV Maastricht 2. PSV Eindhoven 2 NAC Breda 4, NEC Nijmegen 2 Groningen 1; Go Ahead Eagles Deventer 2 Utrecht 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ajax Amsterdam	34	27	7	0	106	28	61
Roda JC Kerkrade	34	22	10	2	70	28	54
PSV Eindhoven	34	20	7	7	85	46	47
Feyenoord	34	19	5	10	66	56	43
Twente Enschede	34	17	8	9	66	50	42
Vitesse Arnhem	34	14	12	8	55	44	40
Willem II Tilburg	34	13	8	13	44	48	34
RKC Waalwijk	34	11	11	12	46	49	33
Heerenveen	34	12	6	16	47	60	30
NAC Breda	34	11	7	16	54	60	29
Volendam	34	8	13	13	37	55	29
Utrecht	34	8	11	15	43	60	27
Groningen	34	8	10	16	49	64	26
Sparta Rotterdam	34	8	10	16	42	58	26
NEC Nijmegen	34	9	7	18	48	60	25
MVV Maastricht	34	7	9	18	41	71	23
Go Ahead Eagles	34	7	9	18	42	77	23
Dordrecht '90	34	5	10	19	40	67	20

Ajax win championship

SCHOOLS SPORT

CRICKET

* Bishop's Stortford College 224-3dec, St Edmund's, Ware 162. Chatham House 150; * King's, Rochester 143. * Clifton 222-2dec (D J R England 112no), Old Cliftonians 169-9. * Dean Close 210; Old Decanians 178. * Emanuel 95; Tiffin 96-3. Hampton 286-6dec (B Mott 165); * Trinity 287-0 (S Newman 160no, S de Silva 124no). * Harrow 97, Tonbridge 101-1. Hymer's 209-9dec; * Durham 206-6. KCS, Wimbledon 208-9dec; * St Paul's 201-6. MCC 195-9; * Haileybury 196-6. MCC 217-8dec; * St Lawrence, Ramsgate *218-4 (N Morris 106)*. MCC 239-7; * Stamford 240-3. * Newcastle-under-Lyme 142; King's, Macclesfield 90-6. Northants u-19 243-6dec, * Eton 237-6. Oratory Society 200-8dec, * Oratory 204-5 (S Tomlinson 113no). * OEGS, Barnet 197-8dec; Enfield GS 119-3. * RGS, Guildford 256-8dec; John Fisher 194. Sussex Martlets 154; * Hurstpierpoint 158-3. Trent 210-8dec. * Bedford 211-2 (T Bailey 113no). * Whitgift 255-4dec; St John's, Leatherhead 193-7 (* denotes home side)

FOOTBALL

ENGLISH SCHOOLS PREMIER LEAGUE: Under-16 trophy: Final: Greater Manchester 0 Sussex 1. ESSEX WELSH SHIELD: Final: Redbridge 0 Newham 1

ROWING

HOLME PIERREPONT, Nottingham: National schools regatta: Championship events: Men: Eights: 1, Eton 6min 38sec; 2, Hampton 6:44; 3, Shrewsbury 6:51. Sculls: 1, T Westerling (Eton) 8:19; 2, D Alexander (Nottingham Co) 8:20; 3, M Hammond (Peterborough) 8.30. Women: Eights: 1, Lady Eleanor Holles 8.46; 2, Bedford HS 8.51; 3, Kingston GS 9.03. Sculls: 1, J Burns (Cambois) nt; 2, N Ledger (Kingston RC) nt; 3, F Houghton (King's, Canterbury) nt.

Other events: Men: Eights: First race: 1, Eton 7.39s; 2, Cheltenham 7.47; 3, Oratory 7.52. Second race: 1, King's, Chester 5.16, 2, St Edward's 5.17, 3, Hampton 5.20. Third race: 1, King's, Chester 5.21, 2, Eton 5.21, 3, Hampton 5.23. Junior 16: A: 1, Radley 7.09, 2, Shrewsbury 7.17, 3, Bedford 7.19. Junior 15: A: First race: 1, KCS, Wimbledon ntt, 2, Radley ntt; 3, Shrewsbury ntt. Second race: 1, Radley ntt; 2, Shrewsbury ntt; 3, Abingdon ntt. Junior 14 octuples: 1, KCS, Wimbledon 5.27, 2, Hampton 5.42, 3, St Edward's 5.50. Fours: 1, Eastbourne 5.49; 2, RGS, Lancaster 5.49.9, 3, Bryanston 6.06. Junior 16: 1, Latymer 6.06; 2, Westminster 6.07; 3, Tiffin 6.08. Junior 15: 1, Westminster 6.04; 2, King's, Chester 6.24; 3, KCS, Wimbledon 6.31. Junior 14 quads: A: 1, King's, Chester 5.54, 2, Windsor Boys 6.03; 3, Claires Court 6.12. Sculls: 1, T Marston (Westminster) ntt, 2, G Hales (Latymer) ntt; 3, E Pain (RGS, Worcester) ntt. Women: Eights: Junior 16: 1, Haberdashers' (Monmouth) 6.20, 2, Henley 6.26; 3, Kingston GS 6.47. Junior 14 quads: 1, George Watson's 7.52; 2, Grange School 8.01, 3, Kingston GS 8.10

GUIDE TO THE WEEK AHEAD

TODAY

FOOTBALL

First division play-offs final
Bolton v Reading
(at Wembley Stadium, 1.30)

CRICKET

Britannic Assurance county championship
11.0, final day of four
CHELMSFORD: Essex v Middlesex
LIVERPOOL: Lancashire v Nottinghamshire
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Somerset
SHEFFIELD: Yorkshire v Northamptonshire

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of three) Derby: Derbyshire v Sussex. Shildon CC: Durham v Gloucestershire. Pontarddulais: Glamorgan v Worcestershire. Maidstone: Kent v Somerset. Barwell: Leicestershire v Nottinghamshire. Oundle School: Northamptonshire v Yorkshire

OTHER SPORT

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: World League. London v Rhein Fire.
ATHLETICS: Inter-counties championship (Bedford)
GOLF: Volvo PGA Championship (Wentworth)
MOTOR SPORT: British Formula Three race (Silverstone). British touring car championship (Oulton Park)
RACING: Chepstow (2.0), Doncaster (2.15); Leicester (2.20); Redcar (2.10); Sandown (2.0); Cartmel (2.0); Fontwell (2.0); Hereford (2.30); Huntingdon (2.0); Uttoxeter (2.30); Wetherby (2.05).
SWIMMING: British Grand Prix final (Cardiff).

TOMORROW

CRICKET

BENSON AND HEDGES CUP (55 overs) Quarter-finals: Bristol: Gloucestershire v Somerset. Canterbury: Kent v Middlesex. Old Trafford: Lancashire v Nottinghamshire. Headingley: Yorkshire v Worcestershire.
TETLEY BITTER CHALLENGE (first day of three): Leicester: Leicestershire v West Indians.

OTHER SPORT

RACING: Leicester (2.30), Redcar (2.15); Sandown (6.25)

WEDNESDAY

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCHES: Australian Universities v England A (Sydney, 5.30am). Mashonaland Country Districts v Scotland A (Benkat, Zimbabwe)

OTHER SPORT

RACING: Folkestone (2.15), Newbury (6.30); Ripon (6.45), Cartmel (2.0).

THURSDAY

CRICKET

BRITANNIC ASSURANCE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of four) Chester-le-Street: Durham v Kent. Cardiff: Glamorgan v Hampshire. Lord's: Middlesex v Derbyshire. Trent Bridge: Notts v Essex. Taunton: Somerset v Yorkshire. Hove: Sussex v Gloucestershire. Worcester: Worcestershire v Surrey.

OTHER SPORT

EQUESTRIANISM: Nations Cup (Hickstead)
GOLF: Murphy's English Open (Forrest of Arden)
RACING: Ayr (6.45), Brighton (2.10), Carlisle (2.20), Hereford (6.30), Uttoxeter (2.0).

FRIDAY

CRICKET

UNIVERSITY MATCH (first day of three). The Parks: Oxford University v Leicestershire

OTHER SPORT

BOXING: British welterweight championship (12rnds): Del Bryan (Nottingham, holder) v Gary Logan (Brixton) (York Hall, Bethnal Green)
EQUESTRIANISM: Nations' Cup (Hickstead)
GOLF: Murphy's English Open (Forrest of Arden).
MOTORCYCLING: TT Races (Isle of Mann).
MOTOR SPORT: Scottish rally (Perth)
RACING: Ayr (2.0); Bath (6.35); Catterick (2.20), Wolverhampton (AW 2.10)

SATURDAY

FOOTBALL

UMBRO CUP: England v Japan (Wembley, 2.0).
EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Group six: Liechtenstein v Ireland (5.0, Eschen)

CRICKET

TETLEY BITTER CHALLENGE (first day of three) Northampton: Northamptonshire v West Indians.

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCHES: New South Wales Country v England A (Newcastle, 5.30) Zimbabwe v Scotland A (Bulawayo).

OTHER SPORT

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: World League Amsterdam v London.
EQUESTRIANISM: Nations' Cup (Hickstead)
GOLF: Murphy's English Open (Forrest of Arden).
HOCKEY: Women's international: England v Scotland (Lilleshall).
MOTORCYCLING: TT Races (Isle of Mann).
MOTOR SPORT: Scottish rally (Perth)
RACING: Ayr (2.25); Catterick (2.15); Kempton (6.30); Lingfield (2.0); Newmarket (2.10); Southwell (6.15)
TENNIS: Everest National League finals (Newcastle)

SUNDAY

CRICKET

AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE: Chester-le-Street: Durham v Kent. Cardiff: Glamorgan v Hampshire. Lord's: Middlesex v Derbyshire. Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Essex. Taunton: Somerset v Yorkshire. Hove: Sussex v Gloucestershire. Worcester: Worcestershire v Surrey.

OTHER SPORT

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: World League. Scottish Claymores v Frankfurt
CYCLING: National 25-mile TT championship (Liverpool)
EQUESTRIANISM: Nations' Cup (Hickstead).
GOLF: Murphy's English Open (Forrest of Arden)
MOTORCYCLING: TT Races (Isle of Mann)
MOTOR SPORT: Scottish rally (Perth)

AUSTRALIAN POOLS CHECK

VICTORIA LEAGUE: Second division: East Altona 0 Bell Park 0; Moorabbin 1 E Brunswick 1, Nunawading 2 Clifton Hill 1, Regent 4 Chelsea 1; Ringwood C 1 Altona City 1; Springvale W 6 Mooroolbark 0; Waverley 2 E Richmond 0

Third division: Fitzroy 0 West Vale 3; Frankston 3 Melbourne C 0; Pascoe Vale 1 Sunbury 1; Sandringham 0 Keilor 0; Seaford Utd 2 S Caulfield 3, Sth Dandenong 2 Eltham Utd 2.

Fourth division: Geelong 1 Sun Heights 1; Langwarrin 1 Yarraville 0, Monbulk 2 Doveton 2; S Springvale 4 Brighton 0; S Wantirna 1 Cranbourne 3; Stonnington 5 Corio 1

Fifth division: Geelong R 3 Springvale C 2; Glenroy 1 N Sunshine 2; Heidelberg C 1 Dandenong 2; Lalor 1 Ballarat 0. Melton 4 Old Scotch 2; Mitcham 2 Brandon Pk 2; Moreland 3 Knox Pk 1.

Sixth division: Hampton Pk 0 Brunswick C 0; Hoppers C 1 Braeside 1; Keysborough 3 Berwick City 1; Lyndale U 3 E Nunawading 4; Meadow Pk 2 Broadmeadows U 1, Monash 1 N Glenroy 3; Mornington 3 S Yarra 1

WEST AUSTRALIA LEAGUE: First division: Fremantle C 1 Stirling M 6; Inglewood 2 Stirling City 1. Postponed: Spearwood v Athena.

Second division: Balcatta 3 Southside 3, Cockburn 1 Ashfield 1; Dianella 1 Bassendean 2, Kingsway 6 Melville 0; North Perth 2 Morley 0; S Vardar 0 Rockingham 3.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA LEAGUE: Premier league: Adelaide R 3 Salisbury 0; Blue Eagles 0 Woodville 2, Modbury 2 Campbelltown 2, Port Lion 1 Croydon 0

First division: Enfield 2 Noarlunga 4: Para Hills 3 Cumberland 0, Seaford 1 Plympton 1, W Adelaide 2 Adelaide City 2: Olympians 2 WT Birkalla 2.

TASMANIA NORTH LEAGUE: Premier league: Burnie 3 St Leonards 0. Knights 1 Devonport 4; Somerset 1 Georgetown 3; Western Sub 1 Launceston 6.

TASMANIA SOUTH LEAGUE: First division: Dosa 0 Howrah 1. Metro 3 Rapid 2. Taroona 3 White Eagle 0

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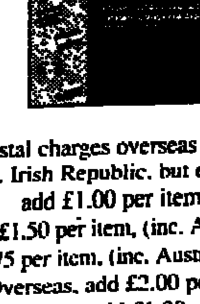
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FORECAST: No claims are required, dividend forecast is very low with 14 score draws and three no-score draws.

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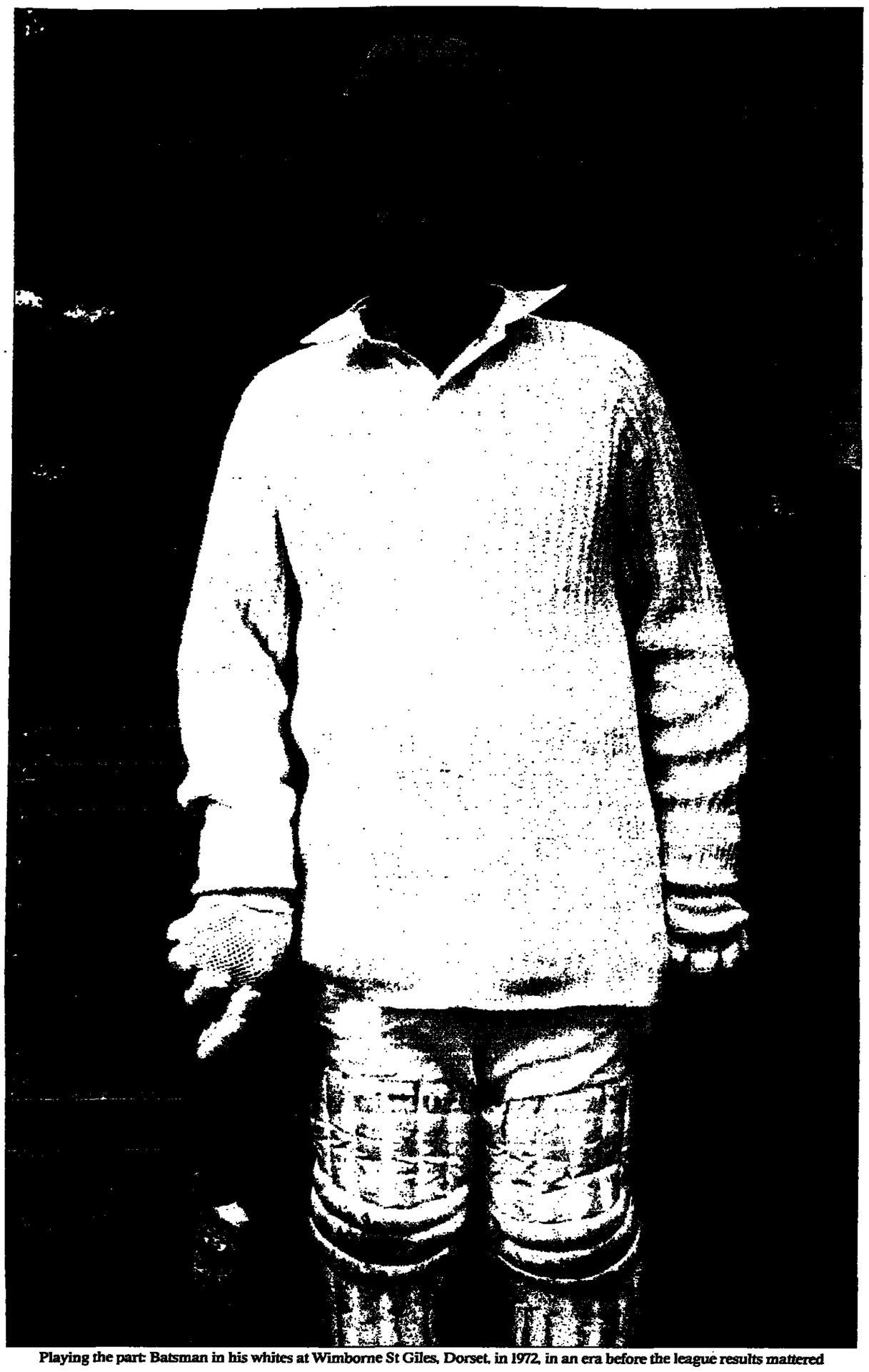
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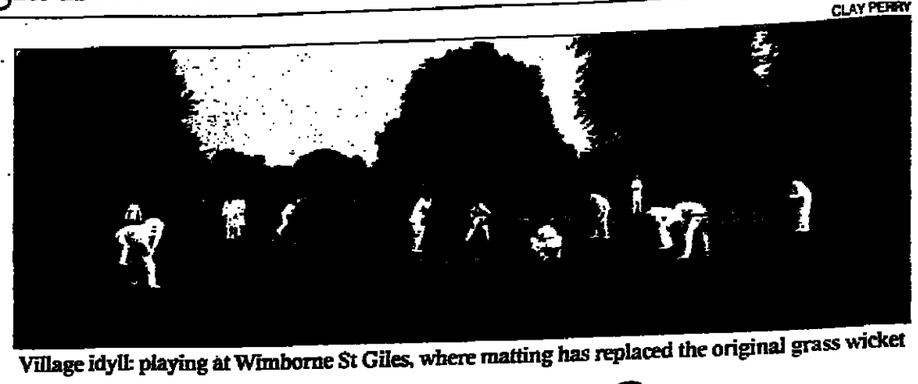
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Bank Holiday cricket is here again but players find nostalgia isn't what it used to be, says **Tony Dawe**



Playing the part: Batsman in his whites at Wimborne St Giles, Dorset, in 1972, in an era before the league results mattered

CLAY PERRY



Village idyll: playing at Wimborne St Giles, where matting has replaced the original grass wicket

Batting for village pride

As the England team recovers today from the tough one-day series with the West Indies, many thousands of cricketers will be putting on their whites for less traumatic and probably more enjoyable encounters.

For Spring Bank Holiday Monday is one of the biggest days of the year for village cricket. In the north it is traditionally local derby day with neighbouring teams battling it out in a more aggressive manner than down south where many villages will be entertaining wandering sides in the style of A. G. Macdonell's hilarious cricket match in *England, Their England*.

At Forest Green in Surrey, in an idyllic setting across the common from the pub, the village club is staging a special match to mark its centenary. In the hills above the ground, I shall be playing in Coldharbour's village cricket festival on a small, almost square pitch surrounded by pine trees.

In these highly competitive, high-tech times, the sight of 22 ill-assorted, mostly unfit men gathering in the countryside to play sport might seem an anachronism. Yet nearly 250 years after it was first played on Hambledon Down in Hampshire, village cricket is thriving as never before.

One reason is that many clubs have responded to the increasingly competitive edge of younger players by joining leagues. "Some village sides have found that they cannot get a full team together unless they are in a competition," says David Franklin of the Club Cricket Conference, which has 2,200 member clubs in the southern half of England. So while Sundays might be the day for carefree cricket, some more tactical play can be seen on many village greens on a Saturday.

The national village championship is in its 24th year and attracts 650 teams from Cornwall to Caithness who vie for a place in the final at Lord's of this knock-out competition. Scores more cup competitions take place at local level.

The National Lottery has also provided a boost for village cricket, with small clubs receiving some of the first handouts for sporting organisations: among them, Houghton-on-the-Hill, Leicestershire, which has been given £9,267 towards the £26,000 cost of a new pavilion.

SPORT FOR ALL

Wimborne St Giles, Dorset, is one of many villages to have revived teams disbanded during or after the Second World War. Local cricketers prepared a new pitch in the park "behind the big house" belonging to Lord Shaftesbury — where our pictures were taken in 1972 — and still play there, although the time and cost of maintaining a grass wicket has now forced them to play on matting.

If there has been one criticism of the game, it is that cliques have taken control. Some people interested in playing village cricket feel that their approaches have been ignored, but they may have lacked persistence or been unavailable to play on the days they were needed.

"One of the best ways to start playing village cricket is to turn up on a Sunday, meet the captain and see if there are any vacancies in the coming weeks," says Tim Brocklehurst of *The Cricketer* magazine. "Many clubs have endless trouble trying to raise a team, with a frantic captain ringing around all week, and are only too grateful to welcome new players."

An important hint, however, is to be honest in assessing your own ability. Cricketing "rabbits" can be spotted easily. If you are a complete novice, explain that you want to learn the game from scratch and then your mistakes may be forgiven and your successes applauded.

Many clubs do, of course, hold mid-week practice sessions in their cricket nets which give new players the chance to try out their skills and receive coaching. Some village sides also arrange winter nets in cricket schools and leisure centres.

Eager to woo youngsters who might get little chance to play cricket at schools, clubs are also running colts sides, with older players providing the coaching and organisation. Newdigate, another small Surrey village, has arranged 60 colts fixtures for different age groups this summer.

Freuchie, a successful village side in Fife, runs teams for under-13s, under-15s and under-18s, plus a women's team. When youngsters reach the first team, the game becomes very serious, especially as Freuchie has an enviable record in cup competitions to defend. "There is only one excuse for not playing on a Saturday or Sunday," says Alan Duncan, a leading member. "And that is if you are going to a funeral. But it must be your own!"

WHAT YOU NEED

MOST village teams possess a club bag containing essential but often well-worn kit. If you want to buy your own, seek out a specialist sports shop for the best prices.

English willow bats cost from £50, canvas batting pads from £18, with easy-clean imitation leather ones starting at £25 a pair. You can obtain a pair of batting gloves for £10 but if you value your fingers it could be worth spending an extra £10 for the better protection of more sophisticated pairs. That most essential of items, a protector or "box", costs £2.99.

To avoid looking like a novice, you need to turn out in whites. Prices can vary enormously but Surrey-based Fordham Sports says elasticated trousers are available from £16.99 and shirts from £12. Special cricket boots are advisable to protect your feet from the hard ball and to prevent slipping and cost £25 for a leather pair.

To find clubs in your area, start by checking your local newspaper for information. Otherwise, call the Club Cricket Conference (0181-949 4001) or *The Cricketer* (01892 740256) for advice.

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The biggest biking event in the calendar

Practice time from the heart

IF YOU noticed an unusual number of cyclists out on the road this Bank Holiday weekend it would not be surprising. They were probably some of the 27,000 riders in the British Heart Foundation's London to Brighton Bike Ride practising for the event, now only three weeks away.

The 58-mile ride is the largest cycling event in the calendar and celebrates its 20th anniversary this year. Most of those taking part enter as individuals, but there is a lot of encouragement to enter teams, with several trophies on offer. These do not go to the fastest riders, speed is not the prime factor. They go to those who raise the most money in sponsorship.



This year for the first time there is a Family Challenge Trophy on offer in addition to those for individuals, club teams and company teams. A team of 12 riders from *The Times* will be entering the event which raised more than £1 million towards research into heart disease last year. This includes examining heart defects in babies, improving artificial heart-valve materials and advising sufferers from congenital conditions. The Club Challenge Trophy is open to groups of up to 50 riders from clubs, pubs or schools. In 1994 the winners raised more than £6,000.

The three Company Challenge Trophies are for small teams of two to 10 riders; medium teams of 11 to 50 riders and large teams of 51 to 100 riders. One of the largest teams, with 85 cyclists, comes from the Duracell battery company in Crawley, Sussex. They are drawn from all levels of staff including board directors.

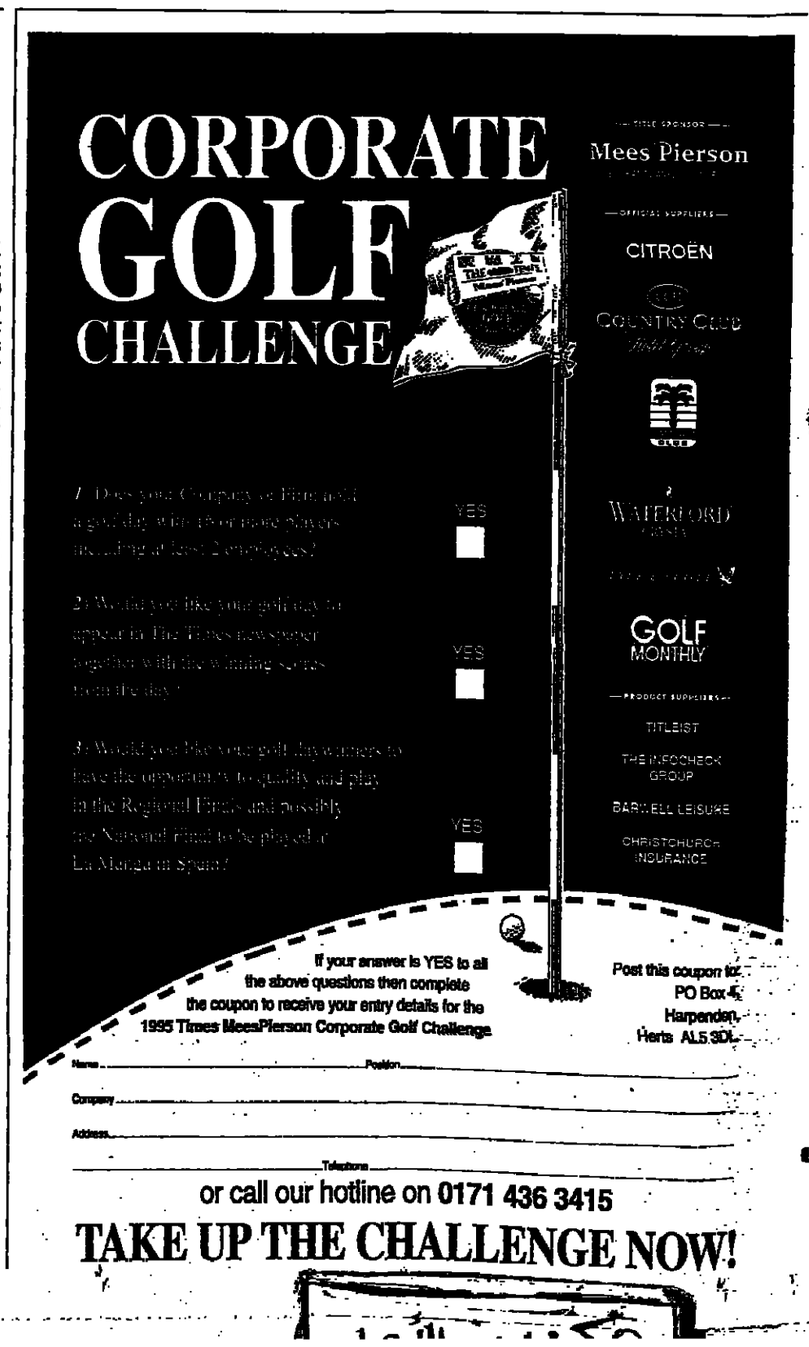
The telecommunications company, Telematics, from Basingstoke, Hampshire, taking part for the third year running, has entered a 20-strong team. One of their first-time riders Lucy Lubbock, 25, a marketing assistant, says: "We thought it would be a great day out and a chance to enjoy the ride together."

Among those in a team from Boots is John Rutledge, 36, who suffered a heart attack just one year ago. He has fully recovered and cycles 45 miles a week as regular exercise needed to ward off further trouble.

"I enjoy cycling and since my heart attack appreciate the need for good diet and exercise. I feel healthier and fitter since making the changes in my lifestyle," he says.

There will also be 25 riders who won late places in *The Times* lucky-draw competition for entry to the ride, and two of them will be riding the brand new mountain bikes offered as prizes.

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Third party liable to beneficiaries for loss in breach of trust

Royal Brunei Airlines Sdn Bhd v Tan

Before Lord Goff of Chieveley, Lord Ackner, Lord Nicholls of Birkenhead, Lord Steyn and Sir John May

[Judgment May 24]

A third party who assisted a trustee to commit a breach of trust, or procured him to do so, was liable to the beneficiaries for the resulting loss provided that the third party had acted dishonestly and not merely negligently. However, it was not necessary for the conduct of the trustee to have been dishonest or fraudulent.

The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council so held in allowing an appeal by the appellant, Royal Brunei Airlines Sdn Bhd, from the judgment of the Court of Appeal of Brunei Darussalam allowing an appeal by the respondent, Philip Tan Kok Ming, from the judgment of the Chief Justice, Sir Denys Roberts, in the High Court whereby the respondent had been ordered to pay the appellant the amount owed by Borneo Leisure Travel Sdn Bhd (BLT) to the appellant.

Mr Michael Beloff, QC, Mr Raymond Lam, of the Brunei Bar, and Mr Murray Hunt for the appellant; Mr Daljit Singh Sandhu and Mr Geoffrey Sim, both of the Brunei Bar, for the respondent.

LORD NICHOLLS said that the proper role of equity in commercial transactions was a topical question. Increasingly plaintiffs had recourse to equity for an effective remedy when the person in default, typically a company, was insolvent.

Plaintiffs sought to obtain relief from others who were involved in the transaction, such as directors of the company, or its bankers, or its legal or other advisers, and to have them held personally liable for assisting the company in breaches of trust or fiduciary obligations.

An insolvent travel agent company owed money to the appellant airline, which sought a remedy against the company's principal director and shareholder.

Its claim was based on the dictum of Lord Selborne, Lord Chancellor, in *Barnes v Addy* ((1874) LR 9 Ch App 244, 251-252): "strangers are not to be made constructive trustees merely because they act as the agents of trustees in transactions . . . unless those agents receive and become chargeable with some part of the trust property, or unless they assist with knowledge in a dishonest and fraudulent design on the part of the trustees."

The first limb was concerned with the liability of a person as a recipient of trust property or its traceable proceeds, and the second limb with the liability of an accessory to a trustee's breach of trust. The appellant relied on the accessory limb.

In 1986 the appellant appointed BLT to act, in Sabah and Sarawak, as its general travel agent for the sale of passenger and cargo transportation. BLT was required to account to the appellant for all amounts received from such sales, and BLT was a trustee for the appellant of the money.

It was not paid into a separate bank account but into BLT's current account and used for its own business purposes. The respondent was BLT's managing director and principal shareholder. He was effectively in charge and control of BLT.

BLT's payments fell into arrears and the appellant terminated the agreement. The appellant commenced its action against the respondent in respect of the unpaid money.

The Chief Justice upheld a claim that the respondent was liable as a constructive trustee, under the accessory limb of Lord Selborne's formulation. The Court of Appeal allowed the respondent's appeal.

The issue was whether the breach of trust which was a prerequisite to accessory liability had to be itself a dishonest and fraudulent breach of trust by the trustee.

His Lordship referred to *Fyler v Fyler* ((1841) 3 Beav 550); *Attorney-General v Corporation of Leicester* ((1844) 7 Beav 176); *Eaves v Hickson* ((1861) 30 Beav 136); *Barnes v Addy* ((1874) LR 9 Ch App 244) and *Powell v Thompson* ([1991] 1 NZLR 597) and continued that the starting point for any analysis had to be to consider the extreme possibility that a third party who did not receive trust property ought never to be liable directly to the beneficiaries merely because he assisted the trustee to commit a breach of trust or procured him to do so. That possibility could be dismissed summarily.

The other extreme possibility could also be rejected. That was the case where a third party dealt with a trustee without knowing, or having any reason to suspect that he was a trustee, or being so aware had no reason to know or suspect that their transaction was inconsistent with the terms of the trust. The law had never given a beneficiary a remedy against a non-recipient third party in such circumstances.

Given that in some circumstances a third party might be liable directly to a beneficiary, the next step was to seek to identify the touchstone of liability. Dishonesty fulfilled that role.

Whether, in addition, negligence would suffice was an issue on which there had been a well known difference of judicial opinion. After referring to numerous authorities his Lordship said that in the context of accessory liability acting dishonestly, or with a lack of probity, which was synonymous, meant simply not acting as an honest person would in the circumstances. That was an objective standard.

Honesty had a strong subjective element in that it was a description of a type of conduct assessed in the light of what a person actually knew at the time, as distinct from what a reasonable person would have known or appreciated.

Honesty and its counterpart dishonesty were mostly concerned with advertent not inadvertent conduct. Carelessness was not dishonesty. For the most part dishonesty was to be equated with conscious impropriety.

Those subjective characteristics of honesty did not mean that individuals were free to set their own standards of honesty in particular circumstances. The standard of what constituted honest conduct was not subjective. Honesty was not an optional scale, with higher or lower values according to the moral standards of each individual.

In most situations there was little difficulty in identifying how an honest person would behave. Honest people did not intentionally deceive others to their detriment or knowingly take others' property.

Unless there was a very good and compelling reason, an honest person did not participate in a transaction if he knew it involved a misapplication of trust assets to the detriment of the beneficiaries. Nor did an honest person in such a case deliberately close his eyes and ears, or deliberately not ask questions, lest he learnt something he would rather not know, and then proceed regardless.

However, the position was not always so straightforward. Acting in reckless disregard of others' rights or possible rights could be a tell-tale sign of dishonesty. Ultimately, in most cases, an honest person should have little difficulty in knowing whether a proposed transaction, or his participation in it, would offend the normally accepted standards of honest conduct.

When called upon to decide whether a person was acting honestly, a court would look at all the circumstances known to the third party at the time and also have regard to his personal attributes such as his experience and intelligence, and the reason why he acted as he did.

To inquire whether a person dishonestly assisted in what was later held to be a breach of trust was to ask a meaningful question capable of being given a meaningful answer. That was not always so if the question was posed in terms of "knowingly" assisted. "Knowingly" was inapt as a criterion when applied to the gradually darkening spectrum where the differences were of degree and not kind.

Should an honest third party who received no trust property be liable if he procured or assisted in a breach of trust of which he would have become aware had he exercised reasonable diligence?

Should he be liable to the beneficiaries for the loss they suffered from the breach of trust?

The majority of persons falling into that category would be people who acted for trustees in various ways and who would be accountable to the trustees for their conduct. For the most part they would owe to the trustees a duty to exercise reasonable skill and care and the rights flowing from that duty could be enforced by the beneficiaries in a suitable case. It was difficult to identify a compelling reason why in addition the third parties should also owe a duty of care directly to the beneficiaries.

There were others who dealt with trustees. If they had not accepted, and the law had not imposed upon them, any such duties in favour of the trustees, it was difficult to discern a good reason why they should nevertheless owe such duties to the beneficiaries.

Where third parties were acting for, or dealing with, dishonest trustees the question was whether the third parties owed a duty of care to the beneficiaries to, in effect, check that a trustee was not misbehaving.

Their Lordships considered that dishonesty was an essential ingredient here. There might be cases where, in the light of the particular facts, a third party would owe a duty of care to the beneficiaries.

As a general proposition, however, beneficiaries could not reasonably expect that all the world dealing with their trustees should owe them a duty to take care lest the trustees were behaving dishonestly.

Their Lordships' overall conclusion was that dishonesty was a necessary ingredient of accessory liability. It was also a sufficient ingredient.

A liability in equity to make good resulting loss attached to a person who dishonestly procured or assisted in a breach of trust or fiduciary obligation. It was not necessary that, in addition, the trustee or fiduciary was acting dishonestly.

"Knowingly" was better avoided as a defining ingredient of the principle, and in the context of the principle the scale of knowledge referred to in *Baden v Société Générale pour Favoriser Le Développement du Commerce et de l'Industrie en France SA (Note)* ([1993] 1 WLR 509) was best forgotten.

It followed that the appeal succeeded. BLT committed a breach of trust by using in the conduct of its business money held in trust for the appellant.

The respondent accepted that he had knowingly assisted in that breach of trust. His conduct was dishonest.

Solicitors: Norton Rose; Denton Hall.

Emergency Act export ban orders valid

Regina v Blackledge
Regina v Grecian
Regina v Mason
Regina v Phillips

Before Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Tucker and Mr Justice Forbes

[Judgment May 22]

As the emergency of World War II had not been declared to have ended by an order in council under section 9(3) of the Import, Export and Customs Powers (Defence) Act 1939, the Export of Goods (Control) Orders (SI 1987 No 2070) and (SI 1989 No 2376), made under section 1(1) of the 1939 Act, were not ultra vires or invalid.

The Court of Appeal so held when giving a reserved judgment dismissing appeals by four appellants prosecuted at Reading Crown Court (Judge Spence) on February 25, 1992, for contravening the 1987 and 1989 Orders. The four, on rearraignment, pleaded guilty to conspiracy knowingly to be concerned in the exportation of goods with intent to evade the prohibition on exportation of them.

The prosecution concerned, in count 1, the exportation of an assembly line for an artillery fuse to Iraq, pretending it was intended for Jordan, and in count 2 the exportation of sub-assemblies and sets of components for the fuses.

William Stuart Blackledge, a project engineer, pleaded guilty to count 1 and was sentenced to six months imprisonment, suspended for 12 months.

John Paul Grecian, managing director of Ordnance Technologies Ltd (Ordtec), the business of which included the transfer of defence technology, pleaded guilty to counts 1 and 2 and was sentenced to prison for one year on each count concurrent, suspended for 18 months.

Brian Albert Mason, technical manager of Ordtec, pleaded guilty to both counts and was sentenced to nine months imprisonment on each, suspended for 18 months.

Colin William Phillips, director of a shipping company, E. C. Transport, used by Ordtec, and involved in the shipping arrangements for the assembly lines, was fined £1,000 payable within six months with 30 days imprisonment in default.

Section 1 of the 1939 Act provides: "(1) The Board of Trade may by order make such provisions as the board think expedient for prohibiting or regulating, in all cases or any specified classes of cases, and subject to any such exceptions, if any, as may be made by or under the order, the importation into or exportation from, the United Kingdom . . ."

Section 9 provides: "(3) This Act shall continue in force until such date as his Majesty may by order in council declare to be the date on which the emergency that was the occasion of the passing of this Act came to an end, and shall then expire . . ."

Mr Anthony Morris, QC and Mr Christopher Melton for Blackledge; Mr Peter W. Clarke for Grecian; Mr Ian A. Macdonald, QC, for Mason; Mr John Aspinall, QC, for Phillips; Mr Edmund Lawson, QC, Mr Stephen Kramer, QC and Mr Stephen Richards for the Crown.

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE, giving the judgment of the court, said that initially the grounds of appeal were confined to the merits and applications to the full court were made concerning disclosure in March 1993, in July 1993 and again on April 6, 1995, on which date leave to appeal had been granted.

By that time a fresh ground of appeal had been conceived, which raised a point of law. It was decided to consider that point as a discrete issue and argument was heard on May 2. The legal issue concerned the validity and vires of the 1987 and 1989 Orders.

At that time the powers under section 1(1) of the 1939 Act, which was one of 17 statutes passed through all their stages and received the royal assent on September 1, 1939, were vested in the Secretary of State for Trade but the crux of the appellants' argument was the purpose and duration of the powers.

It was common ground that the emergency which was the occasion of enactment was the imminence of the Second World War.

Parliament had had several opportunities to repeal the 1939 Act but had not done so and, in 1990, Parliament went further in the Import and Export Control Act 1990, the sole provision of which was the repeal of section 9(3) of the 1939 Act, thereby leaving in place the other provisions of that Act, and in particular section 1(1), without any curb on their duration.

Parliament had clearly seen and had continued to see "the emergency" as a less finite concept than "a state of war".

Willcock v Muckle ([1951] 2 KB 844) held that each Act required its own order in council to bring it to an end and that different considerations might apply as between one Act and another.

The argument of Mr Richards was correct. In the absence of an order in council under section 9(3), the 1939 Act remained in force and it was lawful to exercise the powers under it.

The argument that the powers of the 1939 Act had lapsed despite the absence of an order in council pursuant to section 9(3) could not be sustained.

Without developing the point at length, their Lordships considered that the appellants' challenge to the validity of the 1987 and 1989 Orders in criminal proceedings ran counter to the principle stated by Lord Justice Woolf in *Bugg v DPP* ([1993] QB 473) where he distinguished between a permissible challenge in criminal proceedings to the substantive validity of an instrument, a bylaw in that case, and an impermissible challenge to what he called its procedural validity.

In the present case on the face of the instruments they were validly made pursuant to powers contained in an unrepealed statute.

Their Lordships considered that the present challenge to the validity of the 1987 and 1989 Orders, a challenge not made at the trial or indeed for a period of three years during the protracted appeal proceedings, had to fail.

Their Lordships added that their decision on the discrete point of statutory construction in no way excluded or pre-empted the appellants' entitlement to argue other grounds on the basis of documents disclosed or otherwise available to them.

Solicitors: John Budd & Co, Blackpool; Irwin Mitchell, Sheffield; Simons Muirhead & Burton; Preston & Redman, Bournemouth; Solicitor, Customs and Excise.

Definition of agricultural property

Starke and Another v Inland Revenue Commissioners

Before Lord Justice Stuart-Smith, Lord Justice Morritt and Lord Justice Ward

[Judgment May 19]

"Agricultural property" defined in section 115 of the Inheritance Tax Act 1984 as meaning "agricultural land or pasture" was not by virtue of the definition of "land" in the Interpretation Act 1978 to include "buildings and other structures".

A farmhouse, outbuildings and fenced enclosures on a two-and-a-half acre site formerly occupied by the deceased for agricultural purposes was not within the definition and did not qualify for relief from the tax under section 116 of the 1984 Act.

The Court of Appeal so held in reserved judgments dismissing an appeal by the executors of the estate of Wilfred Brown from the decision of Mr Justice Blackburne (*The Times* February 24, 1994; [1994] 1 WLR 888) that affirmed as being correct in law a notice of determination by the Inland Revenue Commissioners relating to a deemed transfer of value of Highways Farmhouse, Wiggington Heath, Oxfordshire.

Section 115 of the 1984 Act, formerly the Capital Transfer Tax Act 1984 but renamed by section 100 of the Finance Act 1986, provides: "(2) . . . 'agricultural property' means agricultural land or pasture and includes woodland and any building used in connection with the intensive rearing of livestock or fish if the woodland or building is occupied with agricultural land or pasture and the occupation is ancillary to that of the agricultural land or pasture; and also includes such cottages, farm buildings and farmhouses, together with the land occupied with them as are of a character appropriate to the property."

By section 5 of, and Schedule 1 to the Interpretation Act 1976 ". . . unless the contrary intention appears . . . 'land' includes buildings and other structures, land covered with water, and any estate . . . in or over land".

Mr Gordon Apsion for the executors; Mr Michael Furness for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE MORRITT said that the sole question was whether the property fell within the first part of the section 115(2) definition because it was "agricultural land or pasture".

The Crown's submission that had appealed to the judge was that the primary meaning of agricultural property, namely "agricultural land or pasture" referred to bare land used for the cultivation of crops or the grazing of animals which was extended by the second and third parts of section 115(2) to include woodland and certain types of buildings, limited as therein specified, so that the Interpretation Act definition was excluded.

The starting point was to consider the inclusions, prima facie, required to be made by section 5 of the Interpretation Act to the word "land" when used in section 115(2). Plainly that definition was not excluded in its entirety for otherwise land covered with water, for example the farm or stew pond, would not be included.

The real question thus was whether the definition of agricultural property in section 115(2) showed an intention that the word "land" should not include "buildings and other structures".

The matter relied on by the judge was that as pasture was bare uncultivated land and was a part of a composite expression the agricultural land referred to had also to be bare land. But that could not be accepted.

It was common for pasture to include buildings for the storage of winter feed or to provide shelter. Neither by itself nor in conjunction with the word "pasture" could "agricultural land" be read as bare land.

Thus the intention that "building and other structures" should not be read into the word "land" had to appear, if at all, from other parts of the definition or the Act. The second part was of no assistance: it was required to include woodland and to resolve doubts about intensive farming.

But the third part was important for it referred expressly to the buildings and structures which would be most obviously included in the words "agricultural land" if the Interpretation Act applied in full.

It was necessary to consider the structure of the definition as a whole. With the exception of the inclusion of "woodland" all that followed the words "agricultural land and pasture" was concerned with buildings which were to be included. In such a context it would be surprising to find that buildings were already included in the phrase "agricultural land or pasture".

It was as though the draftsman had started with the land and then dealt with what should be treated as going with it.

Those considerations and the general structure of the definition together showed a contrary intention sufficient to exclude from the inclusions in the word "land" otherwise required by section 5 of the Interpretation Act the words "buildings and other structures". The judge was right in the conclusion to which he came.

Lord Justice Stuart-Smith and Lord Justice Ward agreed.

Solicitors: Hancocks, Oxford; Solicitor, Inland Revenue.

Subjective test for assessment period

Kelsall (Inspector of Taxes) v Stipplechoice Ltd

Before Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Peter Gibson and Lord Justice Saville

[Judgment May 17]

The statutory formula in section 247(8) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970 "where it appears to the inspector that the beginning or end of any accounting period . . . is uncertain . . ." imported a subjective, not an objective, test.

Where therefore the Crown was unable to demonstrate that the particular inspector had in fact been uncertain as to the terminal date of an accounting period, it could not invoke section 247(8) to revise the accounting period nor the assessment in respect of it.

The Court of Appeal so held, allowing an appeal by the taxpayer Stipplechoice Ltd, from Mr Justice Vinelott (*The Times* November 11, 1992; [1992] STC 842) who had allowed the Crown's appeal from the special commissioner and had concluded that the company's assessment in respect of corporation tax for a specified accounting year could be revised under section 247(8).

Mr Leolin Price, QC, for the company; Mr Philip Vallance, QC and Mr Timothy Brennan for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE PETER GIBSON said that on the plain wording of section 247(8) it had to appear to the inspector making the assessment that the end of the accounting period was uncertain. What might appear to another inspector was irrelevant. If it so appeared to the inspector, then the assessment could not be challenged save on familiar judicial review grounds.

The formula "where it appears to [a designated person] that . . ." was one not infrequently found in modern legislation, particularly in relation to decisions of ministers of the Crown, and his Lordship did not doubt that was favoured by the Crown as a way of limiting the scope of challenge to its decisions.

It was therefore both surprising and ironic that it was the Crown here which was seeking to import an objective test into that familiarly subjective language. In his Lordship's view such an approach flew in the face of that language.

If authority were needed that such language imported a subjective test it was to be found, for example, in *Secretary of State for Employment v ASLEF (No 2)* ([1972] 2 QB 455).

His Lordship rejected Mr Vallance's challenge to the special commissioner's finding that the inspector was not uncertain as to the end of the accounting period.

That was a clear finding by the special commissioner. By the test of certainty or uncertainty it was clear that the condition for the operation of section 247(8) was not satisfied.

There was ample evidence before the special commissioner by which he could properly reach that conclusion. His Lordship considered it plain that the officer acting on behalf of the inspector had no doubt as to the terminal date, and it could not be said that that view was unreasonable.

Lord Justice Saville agreed and the Master of the Rolls delivered a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Gregory Rowcliffe & Milners; Solicitor, Inland Revenue.

Decree absolute was a nullity

Manchanda v Manchanda

Before Lord Justice Leggatt and Mr Justice Thorpe

[Judgment May 17]

A husband's decree absolute of divorce was a nullity, not merely voidable, because the court purporting to grant it had lacked jurisdiction to make the order as it was made in contravention of the time provisions laid down in section 9(2) of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1973.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment allowing an appeal by Donna Manchanda against the refusal of Judge Hague, QC, at Brentford County Court on October 7, 1994 to set aside the decree absolute purportedly granted to her husband, Keith Manchanda.

Mr Timothy Scott, QC, for the wife; Mr Paul McCormick for the husband.

LORD JUSTICE LEGGATT said that a decree nisi of divorce had been granted to the wife on July 27, 1994. On September 16, 1994 her husband had applied for a decree absolute and on September 20, 1994 the decree had been made absolute.

The wife had applied to set aside the decree absolute on the ground that the necessary period of time under section 9(2) of the 1973 Act had not elapsed before the application was made and that no notice of it had been given to her.

There were contested ancillary relief proceedings and the financial arrangements for the wife might be affected by the decree absolute if the husband died before they had been resolved. It was not suggested that the husband had been fraudulent.

On September 29, 1994 he had gone through a ceremony of marriage with another woman.

The judge had inferred from *McPherson v McPherson* ([1936] AC 177) that because a decree absolute was a judgment in rem affecting third parties, such a decree was voidable, not void. That had emboldened him to the view that *Woolfenden v Woolfenden* ([1948] P 27) was fundamentally flawed because Mr Justice Barnard had paid insufficient regard to that principle.

In *Woolfenden*, as in the present case, the party against whom the decree nisi was obtained had applied for it to be made absolute and without notice to his wife. Mr Justice Barnard had said: "In view of the fact that the husband has not complied with the statute . . . I cannot treat the making of this decree absolute as a mere irregularity and I must treat it as a nullity."

That case was indistinguishable from the present case. But Judge Hague, considering himself to be exercising coordinate jurisdiction, had refused to follow it. The question was whether, not having been criticised in the ensuing period of nearly 50 years except by the judge, *Woolfenden* had been correctly decided.

The husband submitted that where a decree absolute was impugned, the court would appraise the circumstances in which it had been granted in order to determine whether it should be treated as void or voidable and if so which. He identified several bases for distinguishing between void and voidable. The court should only categorise something as void if the error or its adverse consequences, unless treated as void ab initio, would be very severe. A judgment in rem because it involved the rights and interests of third parties should for that reason alone be treated as voidable rather than void.

He submitted that if an error went to the start or the root of a proceeding or undertaking it should be treated as void, whereas if it only went to timetable or procedure or formalities within or during such undertaking or proceeding it should be treated as voidable. Since a decree absolute was a species of court order, failure to comply with it should be treated as voidable, since if it were void it could be treated as a nullity and ignored. The decree absolute was a consequential or derivative step which should not be treated as void where, as here, the decree nisi was valid.

He contended that it was for the wife to show the mischief which the relevant legislation was designed to avoid, and that she had failed to show any such serious mischief as would justify or necessitate holding the decree absolute void. Finally, he submitted that because the grant of the decree absolute was the product of a mistake, it should be treated as voidable rather than void.

In his Lordship's judgment, a distinction had to be drawn between cases in which the court lacked jurisdiction, because it had no power to grant a decree absolute in the circumstances in which it had purported to do so, and cases in which though the court enjoyed jurisdiction it had through the inadvertence of one of the parties failed to observe a statutory provision against the exercise of it, or there had been a procedural irregularity in the process of exercising it. The present case fell within the former category.

In addition, the failure to serve a summons on the wife in accordance with rule 2.50 of the Family Proceedings Rules (SI 1991 No 1247) rendered the decree absolute null and void, and the wife was entitled to have it set aside. The jurisdictional and fundamental procedural irregularities were both fatal.

Mr Justice Thorpe gave a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Collyer-Bristow; Singh Virdi & Co, Hounslow.

Term cannot be included in incorporating contract

OK Petroleum AB v Vitol Energy SA

Before Mr Justice Colman

[Judgment May 5]

Where an incorporated contract did not exist when the incorporating contract was entered into, and could not be presumed by the parties to the latter to contain any specific wording or terms, the established approach to construction was that general words of incorporation would not normally be construed as wide enough to incorporate any provision from the other contract, unless that provision was part of the subject matter of that contract and not merely ancillary to it.

Mr Justice Colman so held in a reserved judgment in the Queen's Bench Division when deciding in the plaintiff's favour a preliminary issue as to whether the plaintiff's claim was time-barred.

Mr Christopher Smith for the plaintiff; Mr Simon Kverndal for the defendant.

MR JUSTICE COLMAN said that by two contracts of sale the plaintiff, OK Petroleum AB, had sold quantities of gasoline to the defendant, Vitol Energy SA, who carried on business in Geneva. The contracts were subject to English law and jurisdiction.

In order to perform the contracts of sale the plaintiff chartered two vessels. There was a time-bar clause in the charterparty and the issue was whether that clause was incorporated from the charterparty into the contract of sale. The defendant argued that it was and that the plaintiff's claim for demurrage was time-barred.

His Lordship applied the same rules of construction as were applied in the case of incorporation of charterparty terms into the bill of lading. His Lordship found that the time-bar clause was ancillary to the substantive provisions of the contract relating to demurrage and that the time-bar clause was not incorporated.

Solicitors: Sinclair Roche & Temperley; Ince & Co.

Proving excise licence offence

Department of Transport v Ladd

In establishing the offence of failing to deliver up an excise licence when required to do so subsequent to the cheque tendered in payment of the duty payable being dishonoured, pursuant to section 102(3) of the Customs and Excise Management Act 1979, it was sufficient for the prosecution to prove that a notice requiring the defendant to deliver up the licence was sent to him by letter sent by registered post or recorded delivery and addressed to him at the address given by him when applying for the licence, as laid down in section 102(2). It was not necessary also to prove that the notice was actually brought to the attention of the defendant.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice McCowan and Mr Justice Mitchell) so held on May 16 in allowing an appeal by way of case stated brought by the Department of Transport against a decision of Knightsbridge Crown Court (Judge B. L. Charles, QC and justices) allowing an appeal by Samuel Ladd against his conviction by Walton Street Justices of an offence under section 102(3).

Correction

In *Ken Lane Transport Ltd v North Yorkshire County Council* (*The Times* May 22) Mr Simon Hawkesworth, QC and Mr Andrew Goodman were instructed by Harland & Co, York.

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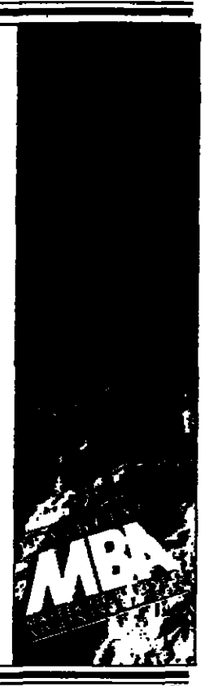
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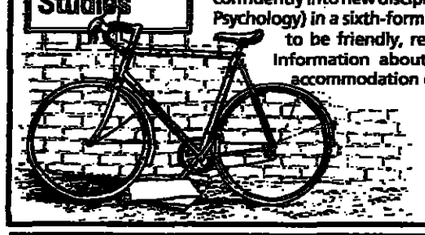
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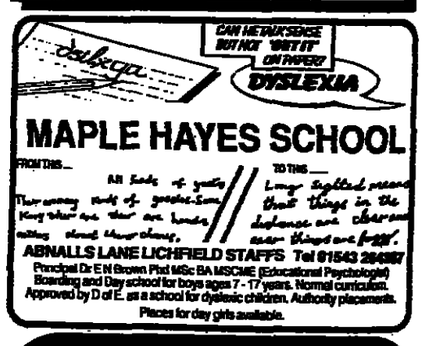
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Family at war over ailing Littlewoods

Sir Desmond Pitcher's exit from the pools group may herald new feuding. **Sarah Bagnall** reports

The power struggle within Littlewoods is set to escalate further after last week's departure of Sir Desmond Pitcher, vice-chairman and former chief executive of the £2 billion retailing and football pools giant.

The resignation of Sir Desmond, who is also chairman of North West Water and of Merseyside Development Corporation, is the latest in a string of boardroom departures. In the past seven months, Littlewoods has ousted Barry Dale, chief executive, Prodip Guha, deputy chief executive, and a number of divisional board directors. As a result, the group is markedly short of high-calibre executives when facing the toughest market conditions in its 71-year history.

Since the death, in 1993, of Sir John Moores, the Littlewoods founder, who held the company in an iron-like grip, there has been rising tension among his four children and 18 grandchildren, who inherited the empire. The company is now epitomised by boardroom battles and family feuding as members of the Moores family jostle for power.

The group is in urgent need of decisive leadership as it faces fierce competition in all of its three activities — high street shops, catalogue retailing and football pools. In March, Littlewoods, which has 80 per cent of the national pools market, revealed a 10 per cent rise in pool profits, to £27.6 million, on sales up by 7.5 per cent, at £861 million, in the year to December 31. However, these figures fail to show the impact of the National Lottery launch in November, since when Littlewoods pools revenues have fallen by 10 per cent.

Problems may be eased slightly by the Government's decision to cut the pools betting levy from 37.5 per cent to 32.5 per cent. However, the operation is highly labour intensive compared to the high technology National Lottery. Littlewoods has 70,000 self-employed agents collecting coupons from customers' homes and a high proportion of coupons are checked by hand for winning lines.

The Littlewoods retail business — 128 chain stores and 126 catalogue stores — is one of the worst performers on the high street, reflecting its outdated formats and operating inefficiencies. Profits fell from £37.8 million to £24.5 million, on sales down from £542 million to £501 million.

Littlewoods's fortunes are underpinned by home shopping, which lifted profits from £69.2 million to £73.4 million on sales up from £1.04 billion to £1.08 billion. However, the mail order business is thought to be losing market share. Index, the group's catalogue operation, which competes head-on with Argos, is still loss-making and is not big enough to compete effectively.

The bid for power among Sir John's family is said to be led by his daughter, Lady Grantchester, whose son James Suenson-Taylor, 39, was at one time being groomed for the top. The previous family member to be chief executive was Peter Moores, son of the Sir John. He left the company in 1993, selling his 22 per cent stake. His departure took some of the heat out of the family feuding because he and his brother, John, had both been vying for the chairmanship, blocking each other's attempts wherever possible.

The family is said to be split into five factions, with some wanting to realise their wealth, putting pressure on the rest of the family to float the business, while others want more involvement in the running of the group. However their lack of business experience and their differing views on the group's way forward are causing severe friction among board directors. This was not helped by allegations of fraud within the stores' buying department, which surfaced last year.

The boardroom departures started last October, when Mr Guha was sacked for meeting a journalist. Mr Dale was ousted last March for undisclosed reasons. The company now faces a demand from Mr Dale for compensation of at least £1.4 million for wrongful dismissal.

Ironing out the problems over informal wear at work

The dressing down code

Was allowing casual dress at the office really such a smart move? **Ian Brodie** on the latest US angst

Dressing down, the practice of slipping into something more comfortable for the office, is becoming a major and permanent contribution to America's workplace. But the phenomenon is also proving to be perplexing and intimidating. Only last week, Marks & Spencer admitted that it had missed the trend and Brooks Brothers, its US menswear retailer, did not sell enough informal clothing, while employees are often riddled with angst over what is acceptable and where the line is crossed into the realm of inappropriate attire.

Having noted this confusion, some wholesalers and retailers are detecting a selling opportunity. They are offering brochures, videos, seminars and even fashion shows, all designed to reassure those who are uncertain whether they can still dress for success in casual togs.

It is an astute ploy aimed at a market for informal business clothing that has already reached $36 billion a year in the US and is climbing, while sales decline for men's and women's suits and such formal accoutrements as ties, silk blouses and high heels. *Women's Wear Daily* says that the relaxation of dress codes throughout corporate America has picked up so much in the past 18 months that fashion has been turned upside down.

According to a survey by the makers of Hush Puppies, nearly three-quarters of America's largest companies allow casual dress either on Fridays or every day of the week. Nearly 80 per cent initiated the policy within the last two years. Even more significantly, a quarter of the firms report that the change has caused difficulties. Problems arise when employees arrive for work in grungy athletic shoes, torn jeans, T-shirts bearing graffiti, short shorts and mini mini-skirts. A columnist in Minneapolis bemoaned the fact that supervisors had to form a Posterior Posse to check cheeks.

"Companies have discovered that going casual requires a willingness to help employees understand what's appropriate and what's not," said Geoffrey Bloom, president and chief executive officer of Wolverine World Wide Inc, parent company of Hush Puppies. His firm put together a fashion show, using their own staff as models, with some playing slobs in scruffy clothes and others neatly turned out in slacks, sweaters and polo shirts. The video, intended for in-house use, was such a success that hundreds of firms asked for copies.

Levi Strauss & Co, maker of jeans and the popular Dockers casual slacks, have received orders from 4,000 companies so far this year for a new video on casual business wear; 700 have also requested a fashion show or seminar. Daniel Chew, a Levi Strauss executive in San Francisco, said: "The response bowled us over." Among those seeking help were eight of America's top ten accounting firms. Many of the others were banks or financial services companies.



Only immaculate jeans will do in the office, while director Steven Spielberg dressed down for an award nominees lunch

Cotton Incorporated is working on a video for retailers, due out next month, which will advise buyers how to merchandise the corporate casual look. Two department store chains, Jacobson's and Dayton Hudson, are already promoting the look at fashion shows in office canteens. Jacobson's has a toll-free number for personnel managers that handles hundreds of questions about what to wear on dress-down days.

A survey for Levi Strauss found that 96 per cent of office workers seize the chance to dress casually when offered it. Just over 80 per cent say it improves morale and nearly half are convinced that productivity goes up. However, a poll by the NPD Group, a retail consulting firm in New York, discovered that most employees would prefer to revert to more formal wear when talking to senior management. If one of the benefits of instituting casual dress is to underscore teamwork by eliminating symbols of authority, it is not yet widely apparent.

Many companies are going through a difficult learning curve over what they thought would be a cost-free employee benefit. In a handful of cases, firms have given up dress-down days, saying they cause too much aggravation.

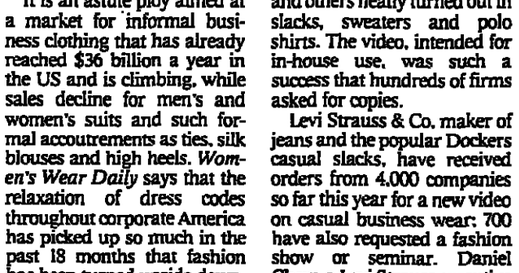
So what is acceptable informal attire for business? It depends on your line of work and whether you meet the public, said Wendy Liebmann, head of WSL Marketing. Creative types in advertising can be casual to the point of sloppiness, but sales staff calling on clients still need to be neat and well-groomed. Ms Liebmann said that changing the workplace uniform has created a new stress of wondering if you and your boss have the same ideas about a casual wardrobe. What is acceptable to one firm may be forbidden at another. That is why Americans find the videos and seminars so useful for setting a standard.

In abandoning suits, men usually opt for khaki slacks, knit or woven shirts, sweaters and perhaps a blazer or sports jacket. Jeans are often frowned on for both men and women unless they are immaculate. Shorts and T-shirts are out. Sweat suits and other sports or gym clothes are almost universally verboten. Ms Liebmann said: "A good rule of thumb is if you'd wear it to wash your car or go to the beach, don't wear it to the office."

Women have many opportunities to mix and match scarves, sweaters, skirts, shirts and slacks. But there is evidence that they fuss about looking too provocative, too prissy, too casual or not casual enough. They seem to suffer greater anxiety than men about making a wrong choice that could wreck their chances of promotion. Women are more likely to iron their casual office clothes than men.

One Washington clothing shop, Britches of Georgetowne, has hit on a striking way of urging the dress-down crowd not to worry too much. Its advertisements show a coffin with the words: "You're going to wear a suit for a long time. Dress comfortably while you can."

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The early days were marked with a flurry of solicitors' letters, with Beauvale daunted at the prospect of another rival in the market. But Millership, now aged 46, prospered. His firm, Manor House Furnishings, has a £14 million turnover and, with fellow director Terry Keely, he now heads two firms with a total workforce of 600.

He has never forgotten, however, how tough it was at the bottom. He turned up at Beauvale on his first morning as owner recently — at 6.30 am. The state of the floors is not known.

Joint run out

HERE'S a headline — "New alliance in mining" — on RTZ and De Beers that appears calculated to send the share prices of the two mining conglomerates to the moon. A senior RTZ spokesman says of De Beers: "We see major synergies in the pooling of our resources." But there the excitement ends. For half their fixtures this summer, RTZ and De Beers are combining their cricket teams. It will be interesting to see whether RTZ chairman Sir Derek Birkin allows his batsmen to use miners' hard hats — or whether they will turn out wearing more conventional protective headgear.



Birkin: new alliance

Gallic recipe

DOES the successful French captain of industry differ from his British counterpart? On average, he is 56, 5ft 8ins tall, weighs 77.5kg (11st 1lb), puts in an 11-hour day, and receives at least Fr2 million (£250,000) a year. But, finds a study in which the Sorbonne University has participated, these bosses are likely to be of comparatively modest background — not the product of one of France's exclusive higher education establishments. And, like Japanese and German industrialists, they tend to have worked their way up through the ranks.

Starter's orders

ONLY members of the Securities Institute and personnel of member firms of the London Stock Exchange may apply, but the lists are now open for the 1995 Derby Sweepstake. Tickets cost £2, 10 per cent of the total take goes to charities, and the draw is on June 5.

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TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.32	2.15
Austria Sch	16.70	15.20
Belgium Fr	48.94	44.64
Canada $	2.308	2.143
Cyprus Cyp£	0.749	0.694
Denmark Kr	9.35	8.55
Finland Mk	7.41	6.75
France Fr	8.33	7.69
Germany Dm	2.39	2.18
Greece Dr	377.00	352.00
Hong Kong $	13.05	12.05
Ireland Pt	1.03	0.95
Israel	5.3249	4.5749
Italy Lira	2735.00	2560.00
Japan Yen	149.50	133.50
Malta	0.600	0.545
Netherls Gld	2.650	2.420
Norway Kr	10.55	9.75
Portugal Esc	246.00	227.50
S Africa Rd	rat.	5.46
Spain Pta	201.00	188.00
Sweden Kr	12.15	11.35
Switzerland Fr	1.98	1.80
Turkey Lira	refer	67718.0
USA $	1.701	1.571

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading

RADIO CHOICE

The history of all that jazz

You Take Some Skins. *Radio 3, 4.30pm.*

Jazz seems to have begun in New Orleans about 100 years ago, although Jelly Roll Morton, heard in this first programme of a new series, claims to have invented it in 1902. Compositions from the 19th century — and there is one here by Louis Gottschalk, son of an English Jew and a French Creole — formed the basis of early jazz. Gottschalk's, heard on an 1867 mechanical disc, finds echoes in *Tiger Rag* in 1917. Some lovely, mellow, old recordings to be enjoyed include the first mixed-race sessions to take place in New Orleans. From these, the series presenter, Russell Davies, plays *Astoria Strut* by the Jones and Collins Astoria Hot Eight. The next programme shows how jazz was absorbed into the wider world of entertainment.

Here. *Radio 4, 7.45pm.*

If yours is the kind of relationship that bumps along the rocky road of misunderstanding and recrimination then you will identify with the young flat-hunting couple in Michael Frayn's comedy. Phil and Cath (Samuel West and Lucy Tregear) find that even words can lose their meaning as they explore their feelings for each other. Irritating? Well, yes, it can be, but Frayn makes the unbearable tolerable, especially when he introduces a nosey and garrulous landlady (Margaret Courtenay). "There's all sorts of things you'll find out about each other as soon as there's three of you," she reassures the couple.

Kenneth Gosling

RADIO 1

FM Stereo **5.00am** Dave Pearce **8.00** Breakfast with Blur **11.00** Radio 1 Roadshow **12.00** Lisa I'Anson **3.00** Wendy Lloyd **7.00** Music Live 95: John Shuttleworth and Friends **8.00** In Concert Special: INXS **10.00** Music Live 95 Banding Together **10.45** Music Live 95: Mark Radcliffe **1.00am** Claire Sturgess

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Martin Kelner **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.30** Sarah Kennedy **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Gloria Hunniford at Graceland **1.00pm** The Garden Show **2.00** Chris Stuart **3.30** Music Live 95: Ed Stewart **5.30** John Dunn **7.30** Music Live 95: An Evening with Natalie Cole **9.00** Unforgettable: Tribute to Nat King Cole (r) **10.00** Music Live 95: Banding Together **10.45** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00-6.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports, including **5.45** Wake Up to Money **6.00** The Breakfast Programme, incl at **6.55** and **7.55** Racing Preview and at **7.15** Lawyer's Story **8.35** The Magazine, incl Euronews; Going Bananas; **11.25** Police 5 to 12 **12.00** Midday with Mair, incl at **1.05** Techno Cops **1.15pm** Sport on Five: football, golf, racing, tennis **5.00** Sports Report **5.30** Nationwide, incl at **6.15** Crime Update **7.00** News Extra **7.35** Fantasy Rugby **8.05** Inside Edge **9.35** Doing Time **10.05** Moss and the Mile Mafia **11.00** Night Extra, incl **11.15** The Financial World Tonight **12.05am** The Other Side of Midnight **2.05** Up All Night, with Rhod Sharp

TALK RADIO

6.00am Sean Bolger **10.00** Scott Chisholm **1.00pm** Anna Raeburn **3.00** Tommy Boyd **7.00** Maurice Dee **10.00** Caesar **1.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. **5.00am** News **5.30** Europe (MW only: Off the Shelf) **5.45** The Streets of London **6.00** News **6.30** Anything Goes (MW only: Europe) **7.00** News **7.15** Earth, Air, Fire and Water **7.30** Foreign Postings **8.00** News **8.15** Development '95 **8.30** Heritage **9.00** News (MW only: News in German) **9.10** Faith (MW only: News in German) **9.15** The Master Singer **10.00** Business **10.15** Anything Goes **10.45** Sport **11.00** News **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Off the Shelf **Noon** News **12.30am** Omnibus **1.00** News (MW only: News in German) **1.15** Britain Today **1.30** Best on Record **2.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** John Peel **4.00** News **4.05** Sport **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Global Concerns (MW only: News in German) **4.45** Pop (MW only: News in German) **5.00** News **5.15** The Master Singer **8.00** News **6.15** Opera **8.30** World Today (MW only: News in German) **6.45** Sport (MW only: News in German) **7.00** News **7.30** Omnibus **8.00** News **9.00** Europe **9.30** Outlook **9.55** Faith **10.00** Business **10.15** Britain **10.30** Multitrack **11.00** News **11.30** World Today **11.45** Development **Midnight** News **12.05am** Topical Report **12.15** John Dunn **12.45** Sport **1.00** News **1.30** Folk **1.45** Britain **2.00** News and Press **2.15** That's Cool **2.45** Health **3.00** News **3.30** Let's Do The Show **4.00** News **4.15** Sport **4.30** John Peel

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Sarah Lucas **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Alan Freeman **2.00pm** The Nutcracker: Tchaikovsky's ballet **4.00** Jane Markham **7.00** Itzhak Perlman **8.00** Evening Concert **10.00** Mark Griffiths **1.00am** André Leon

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Nick Abbot **7.30** Paul Coyte **11.00** Janey Lee Grace **2.00-6.00am** Robin Banks

RADIO 3

6.30am Open University: Reformers and Secular Authority **6.55** Weather

7.00 On Air: Butterworth (The Banks of Green Willow); **7.22** *Handel Handbook*: Handel (Recorder Sonata in F, Op 1 No 11); **7.41** Rameau (Dardanus, excerpts); Weber (Clarinet Concertino in E flat, Op 26); **8.21** *Purcell Portfolio*: Purcell (A selection of songs); **8.47** Dvořák (Scherzo capriccioso, Op 66)

9.00 Composers of the Week: The Bohemians. Music by Georg Druschetzky, Leopold Kozeluch and Frank Krommer

10.00 Musical Encounters: With Chris de Souza. **10.05** *Artists of the Week*: Borodin Quartet. Haydn (Seven Last Words on the Cross: Introduction); **10.10** Beethoven (Overture Leonore No 1); Brahms (String Quartet in C minor, Op 51 No 1); Havergal Brian (Symphony No 6, Sinfonia Tragica); Haydn (Seven Last Words on the Cross: Sonata I); Finger (Suite: The Spirit of the Age)

12.00 Grétry to Gershwin: Sir Roy Strong begins a six-part series on operetta

1.00pm Music Live 95: Lunchtime Concert, from Birmingham Town Hall. Carmina Quartet; Peter Donohoe, piano. Haydn (String Quartet in C, Op 76 No 3, Emperor); Brahms (Piano Quintet in F minor)

2.20 The BBC Orchestras: BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Jerzy Maksymiuk; Yuzuko Horigome, violin. Weber (Overture: Der Freischütz); Grieg (Suite: Sigurd Jorsalfar); Chausson (Poème, Op 25); Sibelius (Symphony No 1 in E minor)

3.45 The Stations of the Cross: Simon Wright plays Marcel Dupré's symphonic poem on the organ at Ampleforth Abbey (1/2)

4.30 You Take Some Skins... See Choice

5.00 The Music Machine: Charles Hazlewood meets the pianist Rolf Hind

5.15 In Tune: With Andrew Green

7.30 Music Live 95: BBC Symphony Orchestra under Andrew Davis; BBC Symphony Chorus (women's voices), from Symphony Hall, Birmingham. Debussy (Ibéria, Images); Poul Ruders (Concerto in Pieces, Purcell Variations, first performance); **8.05** A Cosmic Symphony: Jamie James traces the evolution of the concept of celestial harmony (2/2); **8.25** Holst (Suite: The Planets)

9.20 The Dream Project: The film director Alex Cox reveals his dream cinematic project

9.40 John Adams The Chairman Dances (BBC Symphony Orchestra under Andrew Mogrelia)

10.00 Music Live 95: Banding Together. A simultaneous live relay on Radios 1, 2 and 3 of a collaboration between Jools Holland, John Dankworth, John Harle and Michael Nyman

10.45 Mixing It: With Mark Russell and Robert Sandall in Birmingham

11.30-12.30am Ensemble: Chantal Juillet, violin; Raphael Wallfisch, cello; Pascal Rogé, piano

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today incl **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Charismatics: Nelson Mandela **8.58** Weather

9.00 News 9.05 Start the Week, presented by Melvyn Bragg and *Times* columnist Nigella Lawson. With Christopher Frayling, Anthony Storr, Theo Richmond and Elizabeth Wilson

10.00-10.30 News; With Great Pleasure (FM): Ian McCaskill introduces a poem by Thomas Hardy

10.00 Daily Service (LW only): From St George's Church, Belfast

10.15 Children's BBC Radio 4: Talking Poetry (LW only)

10.30 Woman's Hour: A programme about the lives of young, black women in Britain

11.30 Must Confess: In this off-beat documentary, "Mr Apology", a New York artist, talks about the Apology Line

12.00 States of Mind: You and Yours. With Richard Phillips. A study of Shenley Hospital near Radlett, Hertfordshire, soon to be demolished

12.25pm Brain of Britain 1995: A nationwide general knowledge contest chaired by Robert Robinson. First round — the Home Counties **12.55** Weather

1.00 The World at One: With Nick Clarke

1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; Amber, by Catherine Czerkawska. An English girl falls in love with Poland, and her Polish cousin. With Oona Beeson, David Burke and Lyndam Gregory (r)

3.00 The Afternoon Shift: With Laurie Taylor

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope: Includes a review by Natalie Wheen of a book of fantasy stories written by women; and a look at the camcorder's latest contribution to television

4.45 Short Story: The Mason's Coin. Trevor Cooper reads Patrick Carroll's story

5.00 PM, with Ben Bradshaw and Linda Lewis **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News

6.30 I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue: With Barry Cryer, Graeme Garden, Willie Rushton, Tim Brooke-Taylor and Humphrey Lyttelton in the chair (r)

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 The Food Programme, with Derek Cooper (r)

7.45 The Monday Play: Here, by Michael Frayn. See Choice

9.15 My Kind of Trust: Third in a five-part series celebrating the centenary of the National Trust. Hunter Davies talks about his love of the Lake District

9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather

10.00 The World Tonight, with Isabel Hilton

10.45 Book at Bedtime: Hemingway's Chair. Written and read by Michael Palin (6/10)

11.00 Late Night Opening: Arthur Smith hosts a variety show of innovative comedy from the 1990s

12.00-12.45am News incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.45** As World Service (LW)

RADIO 1: FM 97.6-99.8. RADIO 2: FM-88-90.2. RADIO 3: FM-90.2-92.4. RADIO 4: 198kHz/1515m; FM-92.4-94.6; LW 198. RADIO 5: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m. LONDON RADIO: 1152kHz/261m; FM 97.3. CAPITAL: 1548kHz/194m; FM-95.8. GLR: FM 94.9; WORLD SERVICE: MW 648kHz/463m; LW 198kHz (12.45am-5.45am). CLASSIC FM: FM-100-102. VIRGIN: MW-1215, 1197, 1242 kHz. TALK RADIO: MW 1089, 1053kHz. Listings compiled by Peter Dear, Gillian Massy

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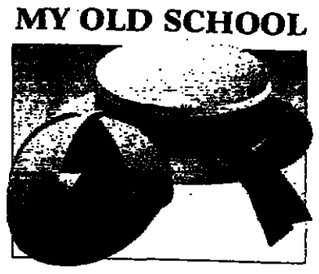
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EDUCATION

Nicholas Wapshott launches an occasional series with memories of progressive Rendcomb

Bolshevik pupil power

MY OLD SCHOOL





COLIN SHEPHERD

In the Sixties Rendcomb was a small, male-only paradise; today pupils of both sexes learn clay pigeon shooting

Yesterday afternoon the good and the great of Gloucestershire and Bristol gathered in the vast Norman nave of Gloucester Cathedral — lately the backdrop to the BBC's adaptation of Joanna Trollope's *The Choir* — and sang the praises of Rendcomb College. They were celebrating the 75th anniversary of the school's founding by Frederick Wills, a member of the Bristol tobacco family. The son of a Liberal MP, Wills was so appalled by the horrors of the First World War that he was determined to do what he could with his considerable wealth to improve society.

He believed that education was the route to a more civilised world and decided to give the sons of agricultural workers good schooling. To this end he bought an immense Italianate mansion to the north of Cirencester, set in 200 acres of mature parkland. The house's every unlikely attribute — the soaring tower, the marble statue of Saul in the entrance hall, the staircase lined with stained glass telling Aesop's fables, the stables built in the French style — fitted his wish to take a group of humble boys with promise and bring them up as young gentlemen.

Wills had read J.H. Simpson's *Adventure in Education* which advocated, among other things, the self-government of a school by its pupils. In 1919 Wills summoned Simpson and offered him the headmastership of his new school with immediate effect, and the first 45 boys entered the marbled portals of Rendcomb in 1920.

From the start the school encouraged a rare spirit of free thinking. Everything was done to eradicate differences in social background. Not only were all fees paid, but all everyday clothing down to underpants, all games equipment and strip, all writing materials and library books were provided free by the governors, through the good offices of a general meeting of boys to which no staff except the headmaster were welcome. Key jobs in the school's life — those who manned the school shop, the banker, and so on — were filled by schoolboy election.

The teachers were encouraged to administer all their duties with a light touch, from putting on plays to building canoes. Progress in schoolwork was considered a matter for the individual and competition and grading were forbidden. It is little wonder, perhaps, that soon the school had acquired the reputation among locals as "a nursery of little bolsheviks".

By the Sixties, when I arrived, things had changed a little, but the spirit of Wills and Simpson survived. About two-thirds of us were there on scholarships — mostly from local authorities — and the school ethos still gave more kudos to rich little poor boys than the poor little rich boys who paid full fees. Although my year was the first in which parents were asked to clothe their boys, the general meeting still financed almost everything else. It elected its officers, and each Wednesday at noon still hotly debated everything from the suitability of the latest subversive underground magazine for the library to the opening up of the cellars as an additional common room.

Despite the enlargement plans set in train by the new Headmaster, Anthony Quick, the school remained absurdly small — 108 boys — as were the classes, particularly in the sixth form, where I was taught English and history in a class of three and politics one to one. The academic results and record of Oxbridge scholarships were correspondingly exceptional. There were drawbacks to the school's size — the range of subjects taught was inevitably limited — and advantages — it was impossible to take games too seriously.

And it was when we visited other schools for games — or for ballroom dancing — that we came face to face with the misery in which most public schoolboys in those days lived: the fagging and the bullying, the prison-like conditions and the wretched food, the devotion to authority and thoughts of Empire. By comparison, we were living in a form of paradise. We were still something of an educational experiment, but we had not slipped down the path to degenerate progressivism.

I went back to Rendcomb the other day, and was pleasantly surprised. Things have changed — though as David Sells, the former senior master, points out, so has society at large. Class differences are not as hateful as they once were; and local state education has blossomed.

Rendcomb has few scholarship boys now; the growth in fee-paying has broadened the range of abilities. There are girls at every stage. Day children are bussed in, though they must keep boarders' hours. Sadly, the general meeting has fallen into disuse. But the school is still known for good academic progress and fostering individuality. As the Headmaster, John Tolputt, suggests, it is telling that local parents who balk at sending their children to a traditional public school find Rendcomb's benign atmosphere entirely suitable.

Rendcomb has always had a close relationship with the maintained sector, yet the climate for it to prosper has ebbed away and the state scholarships have dried up. It was established with enlightened ideals and has done endless good to generations of Gloucestershire children, yet its spirit of individuality and elitism goes against the grain of modern enlightened political ideas. It is not mere sentiment in me which hopes the school will continue to follow its unique course. It would certainly be of no service to education if Rendcomb was obliged to chase the lucrative but dispiriting international market in "traditional" English schooling.

If I'm an examiner, how tall is a story?

Jonathan Sale on the tales that do the rounds at exam time

A first-year student friend of mine says that it doesn't matter if you fail your examinations: "All you have to say is that you were under stress — which we are, because of the exams."

This, of course, is just one of the myths which do the rounds during the exam season — tales which allegedly happened to a friend of a friend, a body of folklore known as "Foaf".

When I was his age, the story on the student grapevine was that, thanks to some medieval university bylaw, examinees who felt thirsty could demand that the invigilator brought them a glass of port. But, the Foaf continued, when someone tried it out, he received from the invigilator not just the drink but a fine of the (then) enormous sum of two-thirds of a pound; this was the penalty, laid down by another never-repealed statute, for not wearing silver buckles on his shoes while on university premises.

A more helpful tip is passed on by American students. How to achieve high grades without having to answer a single question? Share a room with someone who dies — although it does not count if you yourself kill him or her. But are university authorities really that sympathetic to youthful sorrow? Not all of them, according to folklorist Jan Harold Brunvand, a Utah university professor, who recommends that you check the small print in the student handbook.

Another yarn — a Foal, one could call it, something which happened to a friend of a lecturer — tells of a student who, learning that he could take any kind of aid into his exam, carried in an aide, in the shape of a graduate who answered the questions for him. But in *Curses! Broiled Again!* (currently out of print — his other collections of urban myths are published by Norton) Brunvand casts doubt on that story as well.

Since course-work is carried out without supervision it allows even greater opportunities for delegation, and there are many Foafs about plagiarism. Brunvand's daughter told him the one about a marine-biology essay which, splendidly illustrated by a picture of a whale, earns an A grade for the clever student who wrote it. The following year the essay is copied in its entirety by a second student, who



also receives the top mark. But the third student to serve up the same work forgets the illustration and receives merely a B, with the comment from the examiner: "I liked it better with the whale."

Recycled yarns about recycled essays pop up all over the place. One piece of work, resubmitted over the years, clocks up a higher grade every time. Finally it has the ultimate accolade of an A and a note from the examiner: "I've read this paper four times now and I like it better each time." A variant on this involves an essay which is so long in the tooth that the student who wrote it has himself become the examiner. Instead of denouncing the plagiarism he awards an A-plus, commenting: "This paper only got a B-minus 20 years ago, but I always felt it was worth more."

A contrasting Foaf tells of theological students who, arriving for their final exam on the life of Christ, are greeted by a notice sending them to a different building on the other side of the campus. They hurry off, rushing past a beggar who accosts them pathetically.

Once at the new exam room, they learn that they have all failed. The beggar was in fact an actor and the test was of their compassion. In a variant version, an A is awarded to the single charitable student who stops. Unusually for a Foaf, this appears to be based on an actual event, in the shape of a psychological experiment carried out in a church training institution.

Another story of a late arrival also turns out to be within striking distance of the truth. "The Unsolvable Maths Problem", as it is known in the trade, sometimes surfaces in sermons and thus counts as a Foap, or "friend of a preacher". Having overslept, a student arrives late and only just has time to work out the equation chalked on the blackboard of the exam room. That evening his professor tells him that he is the first person ever to solve that equation, which had been displayed purely as an example of an impossible problem. In fact, it happened in a lecture, not an examination.

Coincidentally, my young friend — he of the crackpot cracking-up theory — was late for every single paper in his Hons BA course on "Improbable Urban Mythology: Unlikely Examination Narratives" at the University of Middle Wallop. He was also caught copying out an essay on recycled whales but, since he was wearing silver buckles on his shoes, the examiner presented him with a pint of port, a first-class degree and ... Actually, it wasn't him but a friend of one of his friend's friends.

THE TIMES LEAGUE TABLE 1995: HOW THE UNIVERSITIES COMPARE

	Entry grades	Student/staff ratio	Library spending	Staff/student	Postgraduates	Completion rates	Rate	Employment	Research	Value-added	Total
	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	1000
1 Cambridge	98	89	89	96	83	98	100	85	99	51	858
2 Oxford	94	84	99	88	84	99	73	79	97	58	854
3 Imperial	85	96	37	47	95	94	88	83	96	50	748
4 UCL	78	88	31	50	83	95	88	82	97	80	703
5 Edinburgh	84	77	31	80	73	96	54	66	93	59	693
5 Warwick	80	80	28	84	91	90	34	82	80	51	693
5 Durham	81	71	39	82	72	97	38	73	89	67	683
8 Nottingham	86	78	31	61	79	98	40	67	86	65	691
8 York	79	76	29	78	78	97	46	65	86	57	691
10 LSE	83	58	54	82	98	97	30	91	99	50	693
10 Birmingham	80	81	27	39	83	95	44	88	79	67	683
10 Bristol	87	77	31	63	70	96	48	85	79	55	693
13 Bath	77	76	29	39	75	94	56	68	89	68	668
13 Manchester	80	77	34	51	85	98	46	61	91	64	668
15 Sheffield	75	75	27	95	88	80	33	81	79	53	665
15 St Andrews	80	77	32	74	40	99	84	84	81	64	655
15 Surrey	69	71	24	80	88	87	42	88	74	52	655
18 King's London	77	91	32	34	70	94	46	89	69	54	652
19 Reading	69	81	25	65	80	88	38	83	88	89	646
19 UMIST	71	77	29	48	85	88	47	86	98	99	646
21 Lancaster	75	78	29	82	72	91	59	62	88	56	641
22 Leicester	71	74	30	80	85	89	39	51	87	56	634
22 Southampton	78	76	29	49	81	96	44	81	76	59	634
22 Liverpool	78	77	29	47	84	96	44	80	70	66	634
22 Leeds	77	91	26	63	59	95	37	95	72	57	696
26 Royal Holloway	75	77	28	59	33	86	50	80	82	63	625
26 Glasgow	78	74	31	65	55	96	38	81	67	60	625
28 UWC Cardiff	76	86	30	51	80	89	30	84	86	89	621
29 Loughborough	70	67	25	74	55	97	46	83	67	58	619
29 Sussex	67	67	33	54	88	85	33	80	67	58	619
29 Newcastle	75	71	31	51	80	95	38	82	78	60	619
32 Queen Mary	79	71	32	41	50	96	42	83	77	70	615
33 Strathclyde	70	71	33	27	70	92	52	74	86	63	607
33 Brunel	67	48	36	48	90	86	46	78	59	61	607
33 Aston	74	59	31	70	67	80	35	70	80	57	607
33 Essex	60	67	28	84	59	92	57	53	91	63	602
35 Stirling	72	59	26	74	50	91	44	61	83	80	602
36 City	67	83	23	35	85	88	42	52	69	56	602
36 Keele	71	77	25	88	83	85	23	47	47	59	606
36 Exeter	70	71	23	47	88	95	33	61	72	66	602
41 Aberdeen	67	64	26	61	49	98	40	63	56	66	591
41 Hull	71	71	22	72	73	96	21	61	42	62	591
41 Belfast	66	63	22	62	46	86	42	70	42	70	591
44 Buckingham	40	88	41	71	30	95	18	80	94	66	584
44 East Anglia	67	63	28	62	63	92	34	55	72	59	584
46 Heriot - Watt	66	77	22	44	56	87	42	63	69	55	571
47 Dundee	60	76	29	39	50	92	36	67	58	63	565
48 UCW, Swansea	66	69	24	53	68	96	30	64	61	51	563
49 UCW, Bangor	60	71	27	48	53	96	31	66	48	68	561
50 Kent	66	67	28	60	65	94	33	41	58	52	552
50 Bradford	60	63	28	39	49	91	39	80	48	53	552
52 Queen's, Belfast	67	61	24	28	64	96	31	63	44	61	538
52 Ulster	63	67	21	51	45	92	21	64	46	68	538
54 Aberystwyth	68	59	29	61	59	96	18	63	50	56	539
55 Goldsmiths'	50	71	25	41	39	97	33	66	46	85	580
56 West of England	60	75	22	58	35	85	22	64	37	58	513
57 Sheffield Hallam	43	63	31	29	46	89	25	68	28	65	508
57 Oxford Brookes	60	67	18	47	56	89	25	68	28	65	508
59 Middlesex	48	54	28	22	37	83	38	74	32	83	502
59 Kingston	47	58	18	38	48	89	25	67	41	73	502
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93 Anglia	40	63	16	21	30	81	13	51	12	66	396
96 Aberlay, Dundee	30	63	8	18	16	86	18	58	12	61	393
96 Paisley	40	53	18	18	13	82	10	60	12	56	393

The good university table in full

SOME of the column headings were transposed in the main ranking of universities published in *The Times* last week. Although none of the placings was affected, the full table is reproduced here for readers who wish to have a complete record of the results.

The ranking has again aroused widespread interest. Some universities have even recalculated their own estimates of particular elements of the table, but no changes have been made to the scores.

The revised headings show that Cambridge awarded the highest proportion of first-class degrees and shared top place with Oxford for the best completion rate among undergraduates. Oxford also had the most graduates going into employment or further study, while the London School of Economics had the largest proportion of postgraduates.

Ratings for research were unchanged since no new assessments will be made until next year. Buckingham scored most highly in our "value-added" index, which measures entry grades against completion rates, degree classification and employment records.

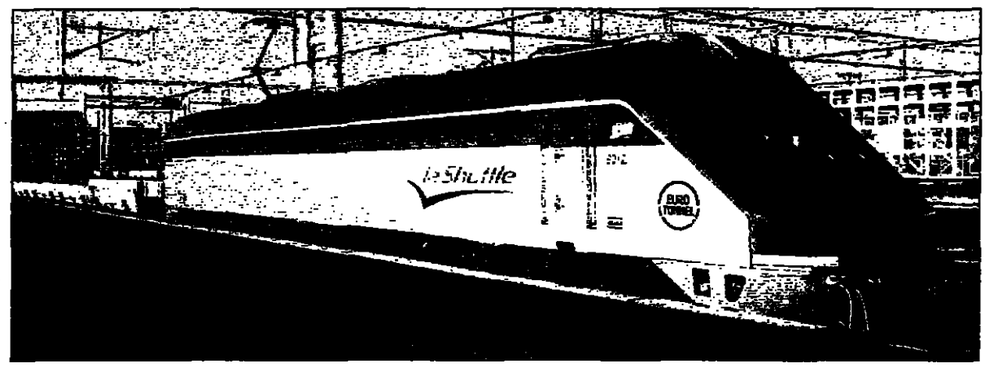
Estimates of value added are one of the most controversial aspects of the ranking. Dr Kenneth Edwards, the chairman of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals, said the universities themselves were still searching for a reliable way to compare "imputs" with "outputs".

The vice-chancellors remain opposed to the aggregation of different measures. Dr Edwards said in a letter to *The Times*: "The compiler has taken single characteristics and combined them in a highly specific way that will be irrelevant to the needs of many students."

However, some universities have already publicised their position in the ranking. Warwick's newsletter featured the university's fifth placing, while Surrey advertised its place among the top 15 more than a week ago.

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Called out to a nasty case of soundbiting

REVIEW



Lynne Truss

Just as there are soundbite politicians, so there are presentation dramas. Presentation is the BBC department which makes the trailers, and on some days they sing tra-la and clap their hands, when they get a programme like BBC1's **The Vet**. For selecting key moments from *The Vet* is not a hard task; in *The Vet*, the characters speak as though they are permanently in a trailer. "It's years since you worked with thoroughbreds, Jennifer. Maybe you've lost your touch!" "If you think I'm incompetent, then say so!" "I'm not talking about laws, I'm talking about trust!" "I'm being taught horse sense by a townee vet and a woman to boot!"

Apart from that, *The Vet* is shifting along, although the problems encountered this week by strident know-all townee vet Jennifer (Suzanne Burden) were pretty well identical to the ones in the first episode: hostility from animal owners, suspicion from the other vets, carcasses dragged through the mud. As for her central dilemma — will she become a partner in the practice? — I have to report no stimulation to the pulse-rate when this dull question arises. The tension is definitely bearable. Something else, more dramatic, must happen to Jennifer, and pretty soon. I vote for blackmail.

So, *The Vet* gets all the trails ("Your clinical expertise was never in question!"), and meanwhile the presentation department finds a tougher assignment in **The Belovs** — a black and white Russian documentary shown as part of Saturday's *Fine Cut* double-bill (BBC2). Were there trails for this amazing film? Or didn't they bother? Arguably, you see, *The Belovs* was hardly amenable to the soundbite treatment, being (a) in Russian, with subtitles; (b) about addled peasants who shouted continuous rubbish at each other; and (c) a slow burn of inconsequentiality ending in the male peasant, Misha, falling off a chair and not waking up.

But it was a masterpiece, a real-life Beckett play, set God knows where, about an old, ugly brother and sister suspended in a life of desperation, hatred, loneliness and derangement. Anna shrieked at Misha; Misha lectured nonsensically and banged his fist on the table. Anna sang saucy songs and talked to inanimate objects. "Why bother filming us? We are just ordinary people," she said to director Viktor Kossakovsky. And the brilliance of the film was that, by the end of it, you agreed: such indeed is Life.

Actually, it was a fab weekend on BBC2. The other Russian *Fine Cut* film was by Paul Pawlikowski, a film-maker expert in puncturing pomposity, and famous for Dostoevsky's Travels, about an obscure descendant of the great novelist (a tram driver) lecturing badly around Europe to save money for a swanky car. Saturday night's **Tripping with Zhirinovsky** was a similar sort of story, following the itinerary of another vain, stupid con-man, the only difference being that (unfortunately) Vladimir Zhirinovsky is not as obscure as he ought to be.

Such richness lay all around. Simon Schama's *Landscape and Memory* on BBC2 was niftily replaced by Christopher Frayling's **Strange Landscape**, and another excellent history lesson was painlessly launched. Frayling's subject is the art and philosophy of the Middle Ages; and his presentation is refreshingly gimmick-free. He has time to mention incidental fancy-thats such as that Cape Finisterre means (of course) the end of the land. At the Church of the Holy Cross of Jerusalem in Rome, he runs us through the array of relics on offer, and with careless authority fills in the biblical context (presumably for the benighted generation who have been taught the irrelevance of the state religion).

The Church of the Holy Cross has a fantastic hoard, incidentally — three bits of the true Cross, two thorns from the crown, a stone from the manger, the notice from the Crucifixion, and the index finger of Doubting Thomas. At Chartres, on the other hand, they took early possession of Mary's maternity tunic — which explains why, as the cult of Mary grew, Chartres got rich and built an enormous cathedral. There never was a cult of Doubting Thomas. The finger languishes in an iron sleeve. It's tough being a relic.

Finally, Paul Kerr's fascinating **The Empire of the Censors** (BBC2) concerned a relic that astonishingly lingers on — the British Board of Film Censors. Last night's first instalment took the story up to 1971, and cleverly adopted a tone of remote social history, so that one was forever thinking, "Thank God that Dark Age is over!" and then remembering that actually it isn't. Linked by Richard E. Grant turning round to talk over the back of his cinema seat (a corny device; I felt sorry for him) it catalogued each cause célèbre in the censorship of British cinema screens — *Frankenstein*, *Night and Fog*, *Brighton Rock*, *Repulsion*, *The Devils* — and paid tribute to the enlightened intelligence of John Trevelyan. Personally, I had always been puzzled by the cop-out ending of *Brighton Rock*. It turns out that the censor insisted.

On a happier note, Ken Russell described what happened to *Women in Love* when shown in Argentina, where male nude wrestling was considered unacceptable, even when the bodies belonged to Alan Bates and Oliver Reed. By excising the offending nudity, the scene started with the men undressing and locking the door, and then cut straight to the same men, damp and exhausted, rolling back off each other in the firelight, with Reid saying: "Too much for you?" Naturally, the audience jumped to its own conclusions.

BBC1

7.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (8957287) **7.10 Babar** (r) (4862233) **7.35 Postman Pat** (s) (1330829)

8.00 News, regional news and weather (9013894) **8.10 The Adventures of Skippy** (r) (s) (4070349) **8.35 Swat Kats** cats (2871610)

9.00 News, regional news and weather (3962078) **9.05 Conan the Adventurer** (r) (2731894) **9.25 Activ8** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (8962900)



Bill Oddie watches nesting habits (9.55am)

9.55 CHOICE **Bird in the Nest** (s) (7679707)

10.05 Playdays (2531784) **10.25 Cartoon** (7545233)

10.35 FILM: Lady Jane (1985) starring Helena Bonham Carter. An historical drama about Lady Jane Grey. Trevor Nunn directs his first feature film (96181726)

12.50 Regional News and weather (15777962)

1.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (58411417)

1.10 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (16647504)

1.35 Bird in the Nest (s) (99860146)

1.40 FILM: How the West Was Won (1962) starring Gregory Peck, James Stewart, Henry Fonda, John Wayne, Debbie Reynolds and Carroll Baker. A sprawling five-section western directed by John Ford, Henry Hathaway and George Marshall (88885639)

4.05 Disney Time. Michaela Strachan introduces a special *Jules Verne* edition (s) (9711455)

4.45 Bird in the Nest (s) (149900)

5.15 News (Ceefax) and weather (9884523)

5.30 Regional News and weather (998455)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (802558)

6.00 Red Nose Awards introduced by Andi Peters (s) (48455)

7.00 That's Showbusiness. Entertainment quiz chaired by Mike Smith. (Ceefax) (s) (4726)

7.30 Watchdog Healthcheck. Medical magazine presented by Judith Hann and Alice Beer. (Ceefax) (s) (349)

8.00 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (3766)

8.30 Next of Kin. Comedy series starring Penelope Keith and William Gaunt as reluctant grandparents. (Ceefax) (s) (2981)

9.00 FILM: Boomerang (1992) starring Eddie Murphy and Robin Givens. A comedy about a philandering New York marketing man who meets his match when his new female boss rejects his advances. Directed by Reginald Hudlin. (Ceefax) (s) (60110726)

10.50 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (623252) **11.10 Bird in the Nest** (s) (503165)

11.15 FILM: Back to School (1986) starring Rodney Dangerfield, Sally Kellerman and Burt Young. A comedy about a middle-aged millionaire who joins his son at university where he makes a big impression on his literature lecturer. Directed by Alan Metter. (Ceefax) (s) (303691)

12.45am Golf. Highlights of the final round of the Volvo PGA championship from Wentworth (s) (2311566)

1.25 Weather (4079382)

BBC2

6.20 Open University

8.00 FILM: Carefree (1938, b/w) starring Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers. A stuffy lawyer sends his fiancée, who is having doubts about their wedding, to a psychiatrist with whom she falls in love. Directed by Mark Sandrich. (Ceefax) (1100894)

9.20 FILM: Pastor Hall (1939, b/w) starring Wilfred Lawson, Nova Pilbeam, Seymour Hicks and Marius Goring. An anti-Nazi propaganda film based on the real-life story of Pastor Niemoller. Directed by Roy Boulting (74997897)

10.55 Golf. Live coverage of the final round of the Volvo PGA championship from Wentworth (s) (4818894)

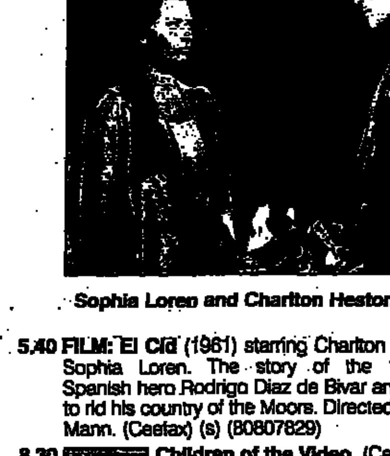
12.00 Monaco Grand Prix. Highlights of yesterday's race (r) (5349078)

12.45 FILM: Swing Time (1936, b/w) starring Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers. A musical delight as Fred falls for Ginger even though he has a fiancée back home. Includes the Oscar-winning song *The Way You Look Tonight*. George Stevens directs. (Ceefax) (89680252)

2.25 Golf. The closing holes of the final round of the Volvo PGA championship (s) (33388097)

NB: subsequent programmes subject to change

5.15 Wildlife on Two: Passing of the Buck. A look at the graceful blackbucks (r). (Ceefax) (s) (5990639)



Sophia Loren and Charlton Heston (5.40pm)

5.40 FILM: El Cid (1961) starring Charlton Heston and Sophia Loren. The story of the 11th-century Spanish hero Rodrigo Diaz de Bivar and his efforts to rid his country of the Moors. Directed by Anthony Mann. (Ceefax) (s) (80807829)

8.30 CHOICE **Children of the Video.** (Ceefax) (8833)

9.00 Empire of the Censors. The second and final part of the documentary history of British film censorship. (Ceefax) (1977)

10.00 CHOICE **Doing Rude Things** (107455)

10.50 FILM: The Devils (1971) starring Oliver Reed, Vanessa Redgrave and Dudley Sutton. A controversial adaptation of Aldous Huxley's book *The Devils of Loudun* directed by Ken Russell (57848469)

12.40am FILM: The Silence (1963, b/w) starring Ingrid Thulin and Gunnel Lindblom. Ingmar Bergman's bleak study of loneliness, love and obsession focused on the incestuous love-hate relationship between two sisters (528059). Ends **2.15**

5.15 BBC Select: DOH Special — Doing No Harm (r) (9413547)

5.30-6.00 RCN Nursing Update (r) (54672)

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CHOICE

Bird in the Nest
BBC1, 9.55am, 1.35pm, 4.45pm, 11.10pm

Bill Oddie joins Peter Holden of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds for this year's live spectacular from the BBC Natural History Unit. Transmissions, up to five a day over the next week, come by courtesy of high-tech cameras discreetly hidden where parent birds are bringing up their young. The action will alternate between a rotten tree stump, home of great spotted woodpeckers and their chicks, a nest box housing a family of great tits, the eaves of a roof where starlings will show what good parents they are and a craggy ledge inhabited by peregrine falcons. As darkness falls the focus of attention switches to owls. A phone-in number will be available so that viewers can put their bird queries to the experts.

Children of the Video
BBC2, 8.30pm

The *Forbidden Weekend* season on film censorship reaches an area where censorship has all but collapsed. Videos are classified in the same way as cinema films. But there is nothing to stop small children watching adult material at home and according to a BBC survey, many of them do. A quarter of eight to 11-year-olds regularly sit down in front of films rated 15 or 18. Some of them are interviewed about their viewing habits. Apart from a vicar's daughter, whose parents will not have horror films in the house, these youngsters readily admit to having seen such nasties as *Child's Play* (cited in connection with the Jamie Bulger killing) and *The Silence of the Lambs*. Some wished they hadn't.



Angus Deayton looks at British sex films (BBC2, 10pm)

Doing Rude Things
BBC2, 10.00pm

The British soft porn film was a short-lived genre which spawned such deservedly-forgotten gems as *Snow White and the Seven Perverts*. Its forerunner, in exposure of flesh if not in sex, was the naturist cycle of the 1950s. Later it was taken up by the big studios, with *Confessions of a Window Cleaner* and other nudge-and-wink comedies. The sex film died when video supplied all the porn anybody could want in the comfort of their homes. This tawdry tale is told in thankfully jocular style by the man once labelled "TV's Mr Sex", Angus Deayton. The dirty mac brigade may relish half an hour of young women taking their clothes off. The rest of us will be grateful for the leavening provided by Deayton's quips.

The Wild West: The War for the Black Hills
Channel 4, 9.00pm

It is no reflection on the quality of Ric Burns's fine series that its theme is becoming depressingly familiar. Forget the heroic myths constructed by Hollywood. The settlement of the American West meant whites displacing Indians and if persuasion did not work duplicity and force were used instead. Tonight's instalment fits the scenario perfectly. In 1868 a treaty was struck guaranteeing the Indian tribes access to the mineral-rich Black Hills of Dakota. But when a few years later the country was reeling under a recession, the whites under General Custer marched in and took what they wanted. "The white man," concludes the historian Stephen E. Ambrose, "never meant a word he said." **Peter Waymark**

CARLTON

6.00am GMTV (44813) **9.25 Win, Lose or Draw** with Bob Mills (s) (8964368)

9.55 FILM: City Beneath the Sea (1970) starring Robert Wagner and Stuart Whitman. A science-fiction fantasy directed by Irwin Allen (77272271)

11.35 Warner Brothers Cartoon (4183900)

11.45 Home and Away (Teletext) (898639)

12.15pm ITN News (Teletext) and weather (2525368)

12.25 Coronation Street (r). (Teletext) (5119233)

12.55 The Match — Live. Bob Wilson, with Ron Atkinson, introduces the Endsleigh League Division One play-offs final between Bolton Wanderers and Reading from Wembley. The commentators are Brian Moore and David Pleat (55850610)

3.35 Stuntmasters (3878344)

4.15 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (142097)

4.45 FILM: Dr No (1962) starring Sean Connery as the suave secret agent in the first of the Bond films. With Ursula Andress, making her memorable entrance out of the sea. Directed by Terence Young. (Teletext) (7951349) (Continues at 5.55)

5.40 ITN News (Teletext) and weather (685900)

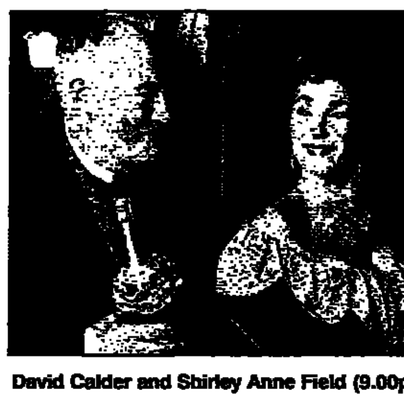
5.50 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (577977)

5.55 FILM: Dr No (continued) (8991726)

7.00 Get a Life! Medical magazine (9894)

7.30 Coronation Street. (Teletext) (417)

8.00 Pot of Gold presented by Des O'Connor, with Liza Goddard and Charlie Catchpole. (Teletext) (1349)



David Calder and Shirley Anne Field (9.00pm)

9.00 Bramwell. Drama series about a woman doctor in Victorian England. Eleanor Bramwell opens the Thrift Infirmary in east London, and agrees to work in her father's (David Calder) practice, where she treats music-hall performer Miss Peggy Heart (Shirley Anne Field). With Jemma Redgrave and Robert Hardy. (Teletext) (s) (4813)

10.00 ITN News (Teletext) and weather (198959)

10.15 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (903788)

10.20 The 1995 World Music Awards hosted by Claudia Schiffer and Luke Perry. Including contributions from Stevie Wonder, Celine Dion, Boyz II Men, the Cranberries and Sheryl Crow (s) (65207165)

12.25am Best of British Motorsport (6933856)

12.55 Sport AM with Bob Symonds (5412547)

1.50 Quiz Night. Stuart Hall fires questions at the White Hart, from Bedfordshire, and the Foresters Arms, from Somerset (5429740)

2.15 FILM: The Inheritor (1972) starring Jean-Paul Belmondo and Charles Denner. A playboy inherits a vast industrial and publishing empire from his estranged father when he dies in a plane crash. However, his son becomes increasingly convinced that there has been foul play. Directed by Philippe Labro (734030)

4.10 On the Live Side featuring Ben Sidran and Joe Cool (r) (s) (16088769)

4.30 Masters of Beauty: Gianni Versace (r) (10137837)

4.55 The Time . . . The Place (r) (s) (1164301)

5.30 ITN Morning News (58498). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Spiff and Hercules (7944287)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (76875)

9.00 Little Wizards. Cartoon adventures (r) (94146) **9.30 California Dreams.** American teen comedy drama (7442833)

9.55 Batman: Pop Goes The Joker. The Gotham City hero is bemused when the Joker becomes a pop star (5273720) **10.20 Mork and Mindy: Midas Mork.** American comedy series (r) (1701368)

10.50 Kelly (r) (5434436) **11.20 Pugwall's Summer** (r) (4633405) **11.50 Terrytoons.** Classic Deputy Dawg cartoon (1665897)

12.00 Right To Reply (r). (Teletext) (62310)

12.30 Sesame Street (r) (76981) **1.30 Mr Men** followed by **Paddington, The Wombles** and **Further Tales of the Riverbank** (r) (93303900)

1.55 Garden Club visits Plymouth (r). (Teletext) (s) (12753261)

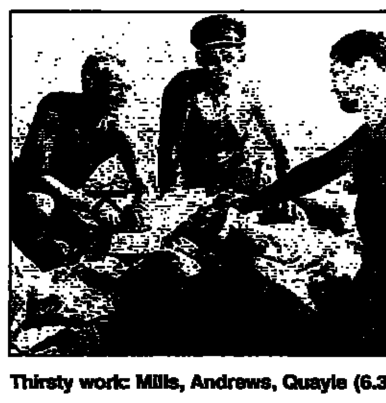
2.25 Channel 4 Racing from Sandown Park. Live coverage of the **2.35, 3.05, 3.40** and **4.10** races (s) (19534417)

4.30 Fifteen To One. Fast-moving, knock-out general knowledge quiz. (Teletext) (s) (558)

5.00 Golden Girls. More comedy from the Miami matrons. This week Dorothy falls in love with a circus performer. With a guest appearance by Dick Van Dyke (r). (Teletext) (s) (3900)

5.30 The Five Mrs Buchanans. American comedy about four disparate women who share the same domineering mother-in-law. (Teletext) (s) (610)

6.00 The Cosby Show. American domestic comedy series (r). (Teletext) (742165). Followed by **News** summary and weather



Thirsty work: Mills, Andrews, Quayle (6.35pm)

6.35 FILM: Ice Cold In Alex (1960, b/w) starring John Mills, Sylvia Syms, Anthony Quayle and Harry Andrews. Second World War drama about an ambulance on a journey fraught with danger across the Libyan desert to the safety of Alexandria. Directed by J. Lee Thompson (15177504)

9.00 CHOICE **The Wild West: 1869-1876 — The War For The Black Hills.** (Teletext) (s) (2455)

10.00 NYPD Blue. New York police drama series. (Teletext) (s) (839542)

10.55 FILM: Ride Lonesome (1959) starring Randolph Scott, James Best and Lee Van Cleef. Western drama about a lawman who turns in his badge in order to capture a man who will lead him to the killer of his wife. With James Coburn and Pernell Roberts. Directed by Budd Boetticher (1570523)

12.15am The Artist. An award-winning short by Jonas Grimas about an artist who is spotted by a customs officer (r) (9589547)

12.40 Catholics and Sex. The third of a four-part series examines the Church's attitude to marriage (r) (4822479)

1.45 FILM: Nana (1934, b/w) starring Anna Sten and Lionel Atwill. A drama, based on the novel by Emil Zola about the high life and subsequent downfall of a Parisienne during the 1890s. Directed by Dorothy Arzner (825127). Ends at **3.15**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 5.50pm-5.55 Anglia News and Weather (577977) **10.15** Anglia News (903788) **10.20-10.50** The Road Show (696726) **12.50am** Love Leads the Way (518547) **2.35** Sport AM (4969382) **3.30** ITV Sport Classics (92027) **4.00** The Time.. The Place (3373672) **4.35** Yan Can Cook (10136108) **5.00** Wanted Dead or Alive (37112)

BORDER
As London except: 11.45am-12.15am Gardeners' Diary (898639) **12.25pm** Home and Away (5119233) **12.55** The Match - Live (55850610) **3.35** Stuntmasters (3878344) **4.15** Home and Away (142097) **4.45** Dr No (7951349) **5.40** ITN News; Weather (685900) **5.50** Border News and weather (577977) **5.55** Dr No (8991726) **7.00-7.30** Get a Life! (9894) **10.15** Disorganised Crime (97268558) **12.25am** Best of British Motorsport (6933856) **12.55** Sport AM (5412547) **1.50** Quiz Night (5429740) **2.15** The Inheritor (734030) **4.10** Jobfinder (7575450) **4.55** The Time.. The Place (1164301)

CENTRAL
As London except: 5.40pm ITN Early Evening News, Weather (685900) **5.50-5.55** Central News and Weather (577977) **10.15-10.20** Central News and Weather (903788) **4.10am** Jobfinder (8450479) **5.20** Asian Eye (8568189)

GRANADA
As London except: 11.45-12.15am Gardeners' Diary (898639) **12.25pm** Home and Away (5119233) **12.55-3.35** The Match - Live (55850610) **10.15** Disorganised Crime (97268558) **12.25am-12.55** Best of British Motorsport (6933856)

HTV WEST
As London except: 10.15 HTV West Headlines and Weather (903788) **10.20** Deathtrap (65207165) **4.10am** Jobfinder (7575450)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 5.50pm-5.55 HTV Wales News and Weather (577977) **10.15** HTV Wales News and Weather (903788) **10.20** Old Scores (65207165)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 5.50-5.55 Meridian News and Weather (577977) **10.20-10.50** The Road Show (696726) **12.50am** Love Leads the Way (518547) **2.35** Sport AM (4969382) **3.30** ITV Sport Classics (92027) **4.00** The Time.. The Place (3373672) **4.35-5.00** Yan Can Cook (10136108)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 5.50pm-5.55 Westcountry News; Weather (577977) **10.15-10.20** Westcountry News; Weather (903788) **4.10am** Jobfinder (7575450)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 12.20am Disorganised Crime (914547) **2.05** The New Music (7902450) **3.05** The Chart Show (9413189) **4.00** Disaster Chronicles (47531635) **4.20** Jobfinder (8449363)

S4C
Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (76875) **9.00** Ben Bore O' R Urdd (94146) **9.30** California Dreams (7442833) **9.55** Batman: Pop Goes The Joker (5273720) **10.20** Mork and Mindy: Midas Mork (1701368) **10.50** Kelly (5434436) **11.20** Pugwall's Summer (4633405) **11.50** Deputy Dawg (6146097) **11.55** Feud For Thought (6145368) **12.00pm** Right To Reply (62310) **12.30** The Magic Roundabout (23146) **1.00** Slot Meithrin: Caffi Sali Mali (79962) **1.30** The Garden Club: Plymouth (22417) **2.00** Eisteddfod Yr Urdd: Bro'r Preseli (1726) **4.00** Channel 4 Racing From Sandown Park (146) **4.30** Uned 5 (53287) **6.30** Fifteen To One (610) **6.00** Newyddion (622900) **6.10** Eisteddfod Yr Urdd: Bro'r Preseli (219252) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (7436) **7.30** Y Byd Ar Bedwar (287) **8.00** Teulu'r Tir (6184) **8.30** Newyddion (818610) **8.45** Lloyds Bank Film Challenge (808233) **9.00** NYPD Blue: Dirty Socks (602184) **9.55** Sgorio (392320) **10.55** Roseanne: Husbands and Wives (367184) **11.25** Friends (278707) **11.50** In The Best Interest Of The Children (666829)

RTE 1
Starts: 9.20 Widget (6497097) **9.45** Kenny Live (74382184) **11.10** News (76092436) **11.15** It's a Dog's Life (16368788) **11.35** Santa Barbara (24568610) **12.00** News (18118078) **12.05** The Beverly Hillbillies (90810436) **12.35** Peyton Place (47310977) **1.00** News (32008610) **1.05** Cninnte Nuachta (90610368) **1.25** Animals Of the Mediterranean (8306964) **2.00** Dickens Of London (6246417) **3.00** News (6065349) **3.05** Dallas (9131349) **4.00** News (40974726) **4.05** Emmerdale (79136320) **4.30** Remington Steele (2881165) **5.30** A Country Practice (9834455) **6.00** The Angelus (6609455) **6.01** Six-One (7355436) **6.56** Time Out (5130097) **7.05** Thunder Alley (7935542) **7.35** World Of Wonder (8681894) **8.00** Home Improvement (9395368) **8.30** Written In Stone (9374875) **9.00** News (4458610) **9.30** ER (3809436) **10.25** Questions and Answers (97501436) **11.30** Under Suspicion (2029097) **12.20** News (9378566) **12.25-12.30** A Prayer At Bedtime (8377837)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am DJ Kat Show (35349) **8.00** Power Rangers (31691) **8.30** Blockbusters (30962) **9.00** Oprah Winfrey (64691) **10.00** Concentration (81405) **10.30** Card Sharks (50726) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (11962) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (41078) **12.30pm** Designing Women (83542) **1.00** The Waltons (88097) **2.00** Matlock (31984) **3.00** Oprah Winfrey (4312829) **3.50** DJ Kat Show (9144487) **4.30** The Power Rangers (7184) **5.00** Beverly Hills, 90210 (3875) **6.00** Spellbound (5349) **6.30** Family Ties (2829) **7.00** Rescue (4504) **7.30** M*A*S*H (8813) **8.00** Hawkeye (25542) **9.00** Fire (12078) **10.00** Quantum Leap (15165) **11.00** Late Show with David Letterman (386382) **11.50** LA Law (850542) **12.45am** The Untouchables (7881301) **1.30** In Living Color (99943) **2.00-6.00** Hit Mix Long Play (4585108)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise (2814788) **9.30** O.J. Simpson Trial (5048146) **10.10** CBS 60 Minutes (1687146) **1.30pm** CBS News (80455) **2.30** The Book Show (5962) **3.30** Worldwide Report (7707) **4.00** World News and Business (70558) **5.00** Live at Five (8977981) **6.05** Richard Littlejohn (888639) **7.30** O.J. Simpson Trial (1363146) **11.30** CBS News (90981) **12.30am** ABC News (8530721) **1.10** Richard Littlejohn Replay (8842127) **2.30** The Book Show (7772382) **3.10** CBS 60 Minutes (5851450) **4.30** CBS News (88634) **5.30-6.00** ABC News

SKY MOVIES
6.00am Showcase (6894310) **10.00 Hostage for a Day** (1993) (67558) **12.00 Spotswood** (1991) (81287) **2.00pm Me and the Kid** (1994) (30207) **4.00 The Lemon Sisters** (1990) (8707) **6.00 Homeward Bound: The Incredible Journey** (1993) (19981) **8.00 Dave** (1993) (21726) **10.00 Sneakers** (1992) (48511436) **12.10am 1492: Conquest of Paradise** (1992) (49684653) **2.45 Roommates** (1993) (454653) **4.15-6.00 Spotswood** As noon (162450)

SKY MOVIES GOLD
2.00pm Showcase (82829) **4.00 Farewell My Lovely** (1944) (9287) **6.00 Moonstruck** (1987) (99165) **8.00 Cat on a Hot Tin Roof** (1958) (94610) **10.00 Rambo: First Blood Part II** (1987) (750928) **11.40-2.00am This Property is Condemned** (1966) (94916097)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Fancy Pants (1950) (85779707) **7.50 A Tree Grows in Brooklyn** (1945) (31178900) **10.00 The Lord of the Rings** (1978) (57910165) **12.15pm This Can't Be Love** (1993) (397320) **2.00 Home Alone 2: Lost in New York** (1992) (81977) **4.00 Spiderman: Wolfpack/The Kirkwood Haunting** (1973) (80567610) **5.55 Cop and a Half** (1992) (21209542) **7.30** UK Top Ten (1523) **8.00 Home Alone 2: Lost in New York** (1992) As 2pm (29368) **10.00 Victim of Rage** (1994) (183271) **11.35 Best of the Best 2** (1993) (571287) **1.15am Bloodstone: Subspecies II** (1993) (492672) **2.45 Hornet's Nest** (1970) (225721) **4.35-6.00 Tarzan's Revenge** (1938) (7791479)

● For more film information, see the Vision supplement, published Saturday

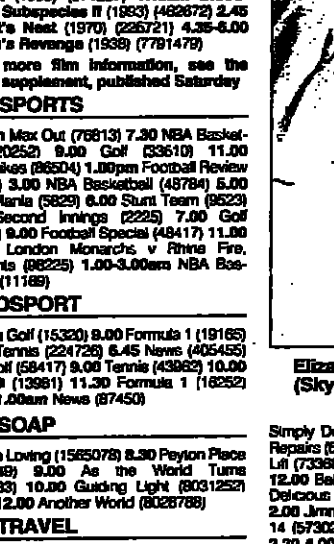
SKY SPORTS
7.00am Max Out (76813) **7.30** NBA Basketball (20252) **9.00** Golf (33610) **11.00** Superbikes (86504) **1.00pm** Football Review (44726) **3.00** NBA Basketball (48784) **5.00** WWF Mania (5829) **6.00** Stunt Team (9523) **6.30** Second Innings (2225) **7.00** Golf (63349) **9.00** Football Special (48417) **11.00** WLAF: London Monarchs v Rhine Fire, highlights (98225) **1.00-3.00am** NBA Basketball (11189)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Golf (15320) **9.00** Formula 1 (19165) **10.00** Tennis (224726) **6.45** News (405455) **7.00** Golf (58417) **9.00** Tennis (43962) **10.00** Football (13981) **11.30** Formula 1 (16252) **12.30-1.00am** News (87450)

SKY SOAP
8.00am Loving (1565078) **8.30** Peyton Place (1564349) **9.00** As the World Turns (8162233) **10.00** Guiding Light (8031252) **11.00-12.00** Another World (8028788)

SKY TRAVEL
12.00 Video Trips (1568165) **12.30pm** Boomerang (4799813) **1.00** Ticket to Paradise (8022504) **1.30** Pierre Franey (4798184) **2.00** Getaway (7276504) **2.30** On Top of the World (9353875) **3.00** Australia's Inland Sea (1211436) **4.00** Travel Guide (8377455) **4.30** Boomerang (9373639) **5.00** Trakside (7290184) **5.30** Cooking in France (9357691) **6.00** On Top of the World (9354504) **6.30** American Vacation (5838233) **7.30** Getaway (9374368) **8.00** Around the World (7298368) **8.30** Travel Guide (7275876) **9.00** Globetrotter (1229455) **9.30** American Vacation (3807504) **10.30** Trakside (1578542) **11.00** American Trail (1224900) **11.30-12.00** Cruising the Globe (6644078)

TLC
9.00am The Joy of Painting (7234417) **9.30** Simply Delicious (7544962) **10.00** Running Repairs (6419894) **10.30** Giving the Empire a Lift (7336829) **11.00** Only Human (8761900) **12.00** Baby Talk (7567813) **1.00pm** Simply Delicious (4961748) **1.30** Painting (7554349) **2.00** Jimmy's (8958875) **2.30** Life Begins at 14 (5730271) **3.00** Cyril Fletcher (8960610) **3.30-4.00** Running Repairs (5719788)



Elizabeth Taylor as Maggie (Sky Movies Gold, 8.00pm)

UK GOLD
7.00am The Chronicles of Narnia (1711225) **7.30** Neighbours (2266310) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (7246252) **8.30** EastEnders (7245523) **9.00** The Bill (7236875) **9.30** Paul Temple (9205320) **10.30** Juliet Bravo (85979436) **11.35** Going for Gold (12158691) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (7256639) **12.30pm** Neighbours (7557436) **1.00** EastEnders (2161788) **1.30** The Bill (7556707) **2.00** Spring and Autumn (8950233) **2.30** My Wife Next Door (5812829) **3.00** Knots Landing (3745252) **4.00** Dallas (3837287) **5.00** Every Second Counts (5442252) **5.35** Dick Emery (8554788) **5.50** Hi-De-Hi (1970146) **6.30** EastEnders (5724610) **7.00** FILM: Carry On England (1976) (4624165) **8.30** Naked Video (8959504) **9.00** A Sense of Guilt (2973523) **10.00** The Bill (7257368) **10.30** Top of the Pops (5716894) **11.20** Alas Smith and Jones (6217287) **12.00** Dr Who (9477295) **12.30am** FILM: The Bulldog Breed (1960) Norman Wisdom joins the navy (7677419) **2.10** Shopping at Night

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Sesame Street (30184) **7.00** Berenstain Bears (4065639) **7.15** Tiny and Crew (1106981) **7.30** Casper (88233) **8.00** Sonic (17610) **8.30** Degrassi Junior High (16981) **9.00** Super Mario Brothers (27243) **9.30** Creepy Crawlers (32417) **10.00** Skeleton Warriors (70726) **10.30** Battletech (27207) **11.00** Swamp Thing (72900) **11.30** Bill and Ted (53829) **12.00** Ready or Not (27097) **12.30pm** Babysitters' Club (36233) **1.00** Gravedale High (78487) **1.30** Where's Wally? (35504) **2.00** Sonic (9610) **2.30** Bad Level Ten (9937558) **2.45** Skeleton Warriors (875813) **3.15** Battletech (872726) **3.45** TCC Presents (3291720) **4.00** California Dreams (1184) **4.30-5.00** Degrassi (7368)

NICKELODEON
7.00am NickAlive Including Deep Sea Dick (3265542) **7.15** Where on Earth is Carmen San Diego? (983271) **7.45** Rugrats (982542) **8.15** Mighty Max (714946) **8.45** NickAlive (7469900) **9.00** Nick Jr (754894) **12.00** Where on Earth is Carmen San Diego? (67691) **12.30pm** Pee-Wee's Playhouse (16455) **1.00** Smoggies (73726) **1.30** Grimmy (15726) **2.00** Denver The Last Dinosaur (7964) **2.30** Galaxy High School (5436) **3.00** Dungeons and Dragons (9691) **3.30** The Secret World of Alex Mack (1981) **4.00** Mighty Max (7788) **4.30** Rugrats (9900) **5.00** Clarissa Explains It All (1436) **5.30** Odyssey (7392) **6.00** Doug (7165) **6.30-7.00** Are You Afraid of the Dark? (8417)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm The Global Family (6721523) **4.30** Crawl Into My Parlour (5727707) **5.00** Fire! (8972455) **5.30** Spirit of Survival (5814287) **6.00** Invention (6983879) **6.35** Beyond 2000 (3682287) **7.30** Future Quest (5728436) **8.00** Space Shuttle (2064829) **9.00** The Nature of Things (2971165) **10.00** Classic Wheels (2974252) **11.00-12.00** Elite Fighting Forces (7216815)

BRAVO
12.00 FILM The Cosmic Man (1959): Sci-Fi allegory about an alien with black skin who casts a white shadow (1732610) **1.30pm** Death Valley Days (7541875) **2.00** The Avengers (6414349) **3.00** The Adventures of Robin Hood (8964436) **3.30** Hogan's Heroes (5739542) **4.00** FILM: Zorro, The Gay Blade (1981). George Hamilton and Lauren Hutton in a duelling spoof (17800523) **5.45** Torchy the Battery Boy (6536558) **6.00** It's Garry Shandling's Show (5735726) **6.30** Man in a Suitcase (1622691) **7.30** The Adventures of Robin Hood (5715962) **8.00** The Avengers (2988455) **9.00** The New Avengers (2968691) **10.00-12.00** FILM: Mother, Jugs and Speed (1976): Larry Hagman, Raquel Welch and Harvey Keitel in an ambulance service comedy (3739691)

UK LIVING
6.00am Agony Hour (4283726) **7.00** Living Magazine (7848962) **9.00** On the House (4248726) **9.30** Kate and Allie (5890078) **10.05** Health UK (2533875) **10.35** The Susan Powter Show (70322542) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (5356436) **11.55** The Simple Programme (89739417) **12.00** Kilroy (6761287) **12.55pm** Masterchef (1041417) **1.30** The New Mr and Mrs Show (2520962) **2.00** Agony Hour (7439320) **3.00** Living Magazine (9870252) **4.00** Infatuation (2927436) **4.30** Crosswits (8262621) **5.05** The Joker's Wild (75944962) **5.30** Take Six Cooks (7763788) **6.05** The Susan Powter Show (3424639) **6.30** Brookside (8812455) **7.05** Crosswits (1720423) **7.35** The Joker's Wild (6829320) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (6315349) **8.55** The Simple Programme (7057691) **9.00** FILM: Lana in Love: Mismatched romantic comedy about a career woman who dates a plumber (5910233) **11.00** Brookside (9867788) **11.30-12.00** Infatuation UK (7434875)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00pm Adventures of Tintin (9702) **5.30** Teen Win, Lose or Draw (1320) **6.00** My Two Dads (8233) **6.30** Catchphrase (2813) **7.00** Busman's Holiday (9846) **7.30** The Road to Avonlea (33262) **8.30** Home to Roost (8981) **9.00** Sirens (83504) **10.00** Trivial Pursuit (28726) **10.30** Adventures of Tintin (77766) **11.00** Lou Grant (85146) **12.00** Zorro (71301) **12.30pm** Evening Shade (29450) **1.00** Trivial Pursuit (34566) **1.30** Rhoda (75301) **2.00** Sirens (92740) **3.00** Lou Grant (30547) **4.00** Rhoda (12479) **4.30-5.00** Zorro (55059)

MTV
5.00am Awake on the Wildside (32671) **6.30** The Grind (58504) **7.00** 3 from 1 (4087097) **7.15** Awake on the Wildside (5164813) **8.00** VJ Ingo (653691) **11.00** The Soul of MTV (78469) **12.00** Greatest Hits (57726) **1.00pm** The Afternoon Mix (33146) **2.00** 3 from 1 (52595146) **2.15** The Afternoon Mix (4103610) **3.00** Cinematic (5611504) **3.15** The Afternoon Mix (8387418) **4.00** MTV News at Night (6652097) **4.15** The Afternoon Mix (6635320) **4.30** Dial MTV (9726) **5.00** Hit List UK (77720) **7.00** Greatest Hits (2184) **7.30** Madonna: A Body of Work (64097) **9.00** The Real World (61894) **9.30** Beavis and Butthead (58455) **10.00** MTV News at Night (632788) **10.15** Cinematic (6532711) **10.30** First Look (77784) **11.00** The End? (74349) **12.30am** The Grind (38108) **1.00** The Soul of MTV (74721) **2.00** Night Videos (8191160)

VH-1
7.00am Power Breakfast (8021875) **9.00** Cafe VH-1 (7024455) **12.00** The Bridge (4787078) **1.00pm** Ten of the Best (4798726) **2.00** Heart and Soul (8541981) **3.00** Into the Music (6022252) **6.00** VH-1-2-3 (4215981) **6.15** Prime Cuts (4210436) **6.30** VH-1 to 1: Joe Cocker (9370542) **7.00** VH-1 for You (8840349) **8.00** VH-1 Album Chart (8853813) **10.00** The Bridge (8832320) **11.00** The Nightfly (8223455) **1.00am** Ten of the Best (6219566) **2.00** Dawn Patrol

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Country music from **6am** to **7pm**, including **5.00pm** Saturday Nite Dance Ranch **6.00-7.00** Big Ticket

ZEE TV
7.00am Asian Morning (43956788) **8.30** Alif Laila (49877504) **9.00** India Business Report (49891184) **9.30** Dillagi (76939962) **10.00** Aap Ki Farmaish (86278523) **10.30** Kya Scene Hai (49897368) **11.00** Wah Janab (71402788) **11.30** Filmi Chakker (71403417) **12.00** Campus (49871320) **12.30pm** Khubsoorat (76940078) **1.00** Hindi FILM: Bhabhi (48747097) **4.00** Urdu Serial: Grihfi (71428368) **5.00** Junglee Toofan Tyre Puncture (91469417) **5.30** Rishtey (84697542) **6.00** Gujarati Serial: Jyoti (84694455) **6.30** Campus (84685707) **7.00** Galaxzee (91472981) **7.30** Start Sound (84674691) **8.00** News, Zee and U (91561829) **8.30** Commander (91477436) **9.00-12.00** Hindi FILM: Ahsaas (76745252)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT
Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.
7.00pm Yolanda and the Thief (1945) (95341320) **9.00 Going Home** (1971) (20324523) **11.00 Double Trouble** (1967) (68296417) **12.35am Double Bunk** (1961) (73482382) **2.10 Double Identity** (1941) (45078059) **3.25-5.00 Double Trouble** As 11pm (18279127)

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Private sector making 3% the starting point for pay rises

BY PHILIP BASSETT
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THREE per cent is now emerging as the floor for pay rises in the private sector, according to the latest analysis of wage settlements, out today.

Though ministers are comforted by stability in the Government's own figures for average earnings increases — together with other data from employers' associations, such as the Confederation of British Industry — they are wary about becoming too confident about pay and are watching cautiously for any signs of rising pay deals, which could put pressure on inflation and so increase calls for a further increase in interest rates.

The latest survey, by Incomes Data Services (IDS), an independent pay analyst, suggests that a going "range", rather than a rate, is now running in the private sector. IDS says today that most pay increases are now at 3 to 4 per cent, with the bottom end of the range a clear floor for increases.

Independent pay data seems to be sending differing signals about pay, with some studies suggesting stability, in line with the Government's figures, and others, such as IDS's, claiming that the jump in inflation earlier this year is maintaining strong upward pressure on pay. IDS says that its figures take account of a larger number of settlements reached after inflation started to rise, and of deals in areas such as the finance sector, which are currently running at a higher level and so pushing up the overall figures.

In its new study, IDS says: "Most private sector pay awards are keeping up with inflation and a significant minority are well ahead of the current 3.3 per cent inflation rate." Of more than 90 private-sector pay deals in April, 22 give 3 per cent rises and 57 provide for higher increases. IDS says. "It appears that 3 per cent is emerging as something of a floor for settlements in many parts of the private sector, with more than eight in ten April deals paying 3 per cent or more." The rate of inflation is still the "key influence" on bargaining in the private-sector, the study says.

However, IDS contrasts rises in the private sector with public-sector pay increases. Because of the Government's policy of freezing the budgets from which pay rises are funded, more than two-thirds of public-sector pay awards in April were below 3 per cent.

Railway workers are currently being balloted on a series of one-day strikes over the summer against a 3 per cent pay offer. However, IDS says that only a minority of public-sector deals have been for more than 3 per cent, including rises for some staff covered by pay review bodies and for some councils that have opted out of national pay bargaining.

Creditors go on attack over advisers' fees

BY JON ASHWORTH

ACCOUNTANTS and solicitors are bracing themselves for a backlash over "excessive" fees paid in connection with a handful of corporate collapses. Creditors to companies ranging from Polly Peck International (PPI) to Maxwell Communication Corporation are angered that a small number of advisers have collected fees approaching £200 million at their expense.

American holders of PPI bonds are upset over fees associated with the administration of the fruits-to-electronics group, which collapsed in 1990 owing £1.3 billion. SN Phelps, a Connecticut-based firm, has written to the judge presiding over the PPI scheme of arrangement to complain about remuneration awarded to Coopers & Lybrand, the joint administrator. Coopers & Lybrand, Touche Ross, and two law firms have received fees of £37 million so far in connection with the administration. By contrast, the 1.1p in the pound first payout to creditors, due in July, is only worth about £23 million.

Chris Barlow of Coopers & Lybrand, joint administrator of PPI, has consistently defended the level of fees paid. He argues that creditors could either receive nothing, or pay advisers at professional rates and receive some form of payout. Up to 200 people in several jurisdictions were working on the PPI case at one point. Coopers & Lybrand said yesterday: "This is one of the most difficult administrations that has ever been undertaken. It's not only been very complex, but very dangerous."

Chris Howell, a Coopers & Lybrand employee based in Istanbul, was beaten up and received at least one death threat while working on the PPI case last year. A colleague, David Adams, was shot twice in the leg. Recoveries have been further hampered by court action brought by Asil Nadir, PPI's founder, who fled to northern Cyprus in May 1993, while awaiting trial on theft charges involving £34 million.

Fees linked to the PPI case are set to spiral further on the back of legal action. Stoy Hayward is being sued for up to £400 million in damages over its role as auditor to PPI. A further £70 million claim is outstanding against Citibank.

Touche Ross has separately collected fees of more than £100 million for its work as liquidator of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International (BCCI). Touche received fees of $133 million in the first 18 months after BCCI collapsed in July 1991, but remuneration is likely to have tailed off sharply since then. The firm estimated that its fees represented about 1.9p in the pound of creditors' claims. Legal fees in the first 18 months reached $37.3 million.

A court in Luxembourg cleared the way for a $1.8 billion settlement for BCCI creditors in January, but payment has been frozen pending an appeal. The appeal process could take up to 10 months, losing creditors an estimated $300,000 a day in interest, in addition to legal fees.

Price Waterhouse is separately thought to have earned at least £30 million in connection with its role as administrator of Maxwell Communication Corporation (MCC). Creditors of MCC received a first dividend of 19.5p in the pound in March, representing a payout of about £450 million. Recoveries on MCC are expected to reach 35p-43p in the pound, excluding an unquantified amount from ongoing legal action.

☐ The trial of Kevin and Ian Maxwell opens at an annexe of the Old Bailey on Wednesday. Kevin Maxwell, 36, former chief executive of MCC, and his brother, Ian, 38, former chief executive of Mirror Group Newspapers, are accused of conspiracy to defraud. Two former advisers, Larry Trachtenberg, 42, and Robert Bunn, 47, are also accused.

ALAN WELLER



Corporate power: Alan Kirkham, left, European managing director of Mitel Telecom, and Simon Rudorf, chairman of Bowring, Marsh & McLennan, warm up for the Mitel Telecom Challengers Trophy, the annual competition for City finance house executives designed to improve teamwork, communication and leadership skills. Entries close on June 16.

Second chance for Southern

BY MARTIN WALLER

SOUTHERN ELECTRIC, one of the 12 regional power companies in England and Wales, is being given a second chance to buy into Australia after a decision by the authorities of the state of Victoria to sell off two more of their utilities.

Southern failed to reach the shortlist to buy United Energy, which is being sold in a trade sale to raise some A$1.2 billion (£545 million), although another British company, ScottishPower, is among the four potential buyers. However, last week strong overseas bidding for United prompted Victoria's government to opt for a trade sale for another two of the five businesses being sold, rather than flotation.

Alan Stockdale, the state Treasurer, and Jim Plowman, Energy Minister, said that Eastern Energy and Solaris Power, which serve parts of Melbourne and eastern Victoria, would be the next two power companies to be sold. "Many bids for United Energy were of extremely high quality, indicating that future trade sales of distribution businesses will also attract strong interest, with considerable scope for Australian participation," they said in a statement.

United is Australia's first candidate in the electricity industry for privatisation, and Southern was sufficiently keen to open an office in Melbourne to handle the bid, joining Australian Gas Light, the local gas distributor, in a 50/50 venture. The company is therefore expected to enter the bidding for the two new privatisation opportunities.

Victoria has said that the final two companies in the A$15 billion sell-off programme will also be sold by the end of the year, but has given no indication how.

The two ministers said that the state government expected to begin the sale process for Eastern Energy and Solaris Power in July, after the sale of United was completed.

Gas wins backing for big pay rises

Most fund management companies plan to support British Gas's board in a vote on its executive pay policy at its annual meeting on Wednesday.

Resolution 13, urging British Gas to revise its policy, has won so much support from small shareholders that the meeting has been moved from the Barbican to the London Arena.

Alastair Ross Goobey, chief executive of Hermes Pensions Management, formerly PosTel, told BBC2's *The Money Programme*: "I accept [BG directors] made a misjudgment about at least part of their remuneration package. But, in total, we do not think that this is so bad as to justify voting against them and effectively giving them a vote of no confidence and risk seeing the board go."

Branson No.1

Richard Branson tops the table of wealth creators in Britain published by *Director*, magazine of the Institute of Directors, today. Mr Branson has amassed £725 million in 26 years — an average growth of £28 million a year. Only four of the top 20 wealth creators went to university.

ANC buyout

ANC, the express parcels carrier, has completed a leveraged buyout from its Swedish parent, Securum. The £50 million equity and funding package was financed by Montagu Private Equity and the Royal Bank of Scotland.

Holvis battle

International Paper, the US bidder for Holvis, the Swiss non-woven textiles and paper distributor, will today raise its offer to try to fend off a 500p-a-share counter-bid by BBA, the British engineering group.

Key day for Clarke trade visit

KENNETH CLARKE will today take his campaign to boost Anglo-Indian business links and improve City institutions' access to India to Narasimha Rao, the Indian Prime Minister (Colin Narbrough writes).

On an 11-day visit to India, accompanied by from leaders from Britain's financial and business service sectors, the Chancellor will also hold talks in Delhi today with Manmohan Singh, the Finance Minister. Mr Clarke is then due to visit Calcutta, Bombay and Bangalore, the main financial centres.

The delegation hopes to persuade the Indian authorities to make greater use of British expertise in privatisation and deregulation, especially in the financial services sector.

☐ ICI is doubling its paint production in India with the construction of a £7.5 million plant near Bombay.

Blyth heads for £1m as Boots lifts profits

BY JON ASHWORTH

SIR James Blyth, chief executive of Boots, is thought to be the latest executive to have seen his remuneration soar to more than £1 million last year, on the back of a bonus scheme linked to total shareholder return. Figures to be released this week should show that his pay package increased by up to 50 per cent in 1994-95, from £676,000 in the previous financial year. The disclosure is likely to fuel the debate over the pay of senior executives.

A Boots spokesman said that Sir James's remuneration would be affected by a bonus scheme set up in 1991, which kicked in for the first time last year. His remuneration had been static for the previous two years. Figures due on Thursday are expected to show that Boots lifted pre-tax profits to £525 million, from £484 million in the previous financial year.

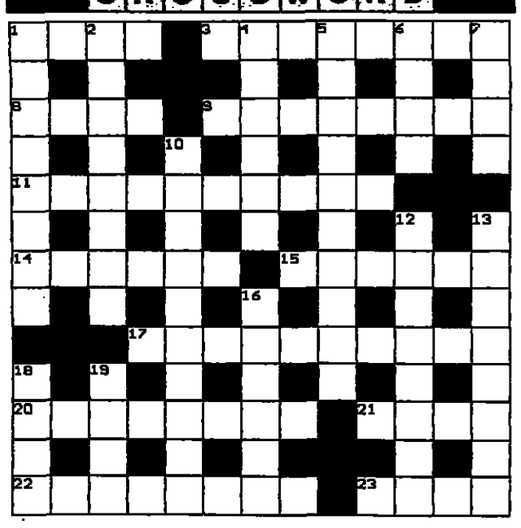
Last year's £500 million shares buyback is thought to have boosted earnings per share by as much as 20 per cent.

The 1,200-strong Boots the Chemist chain is thought to have held up well against high street competition, and the prospects of the Do It All joint venture with WH Smith appear to be improving.



Blyth: pay leap expected

TIMES TWO CROSSWORD



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ACROSS

1 Watering-can sprinkler; type of wine (4)
3 London terminus; type of plum (8)
8 Strong wind (4)
9 Tuscan city, art centre (8)
11 Temperature-control device (10)
14 Open (wine) (6)
15 Expel (lawyer) (6)
17 Having faulty lens in eye (10)
20 In its third stage (8)
21 Jab; old bonnet (4)
22 Endurance; card game (8)
23 Flower; rainbow goddess (4)

DOWN

1 Proper, just (8)
2 Ability to meet debts (8)
4 Maltreat (3-3)
5 Solid ground (5,5)
6 Surround; band (4)
7 Assert (4)
10 Creating memorable effect (10)
12 Slaughterhouse (8)
13 Mad; biscuits (8)
16 (Acid) derived from orange, lime etc (6)
18 Cease; deduct from pay (4)
19 Hard stone particles (4)

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Unifi walkout ends 80-year tradition

Barclays braced for strike

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

SOME branches of Barclays Bank will be closed tomorrow because of a one-day strike called by the banking unions, Unifi and Bifu.

The bank, which has more than 2,000 branches, said: "We expect the vast majority to be open but it is inevitable that some will close."

The unions say that up to 500 branches will close. The strike follows the imposition of a 2.75 per cent pay rise in March after staff had rejected this amount in February. Unifi, which says that the rise is the fourth sub-inflation award in as many years, is demanding 5 per cent or £600, whichever is greater.

The turnout for Unifi's ballot was 27.5 per cent, with 58 per cent voting for a strike. Bifu had a 30 per cent turnout with 52 per cent backing strike action. Membership of the two unions accounts for two thirds of Barclays' staff.

Barclays said yesterday: "This year's pay award is very fair and competitive and recognises the considerable contribution made by its staff."

Tomorrow will be the first time that Unifi, which has represented staff at Barclays for 80 years, has taken strike action. Bifu called its members out in 1984 for half a day when the bank decided to extend opening hours on Christmas Eve to the whole day instead of the usual practice of closing at noon. Then 11 branches closed.

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